



Steele played for Hakoah and Gladesville



Visiting Melbourne again and appearing at the Her Majesty's Theatre, Tommy Steele tells of his interest in the game. Twenty years ago, (while also appearing in Sydney and Melbourne) he played a number of matches for both Hakoah (Vic) and Gladesville (N.S.W.).

His play in England's "Showbusiness Eleven" spanned many years and although some of the players were show people the team included ex-players who since have left the game.

"We had Arsenal's Wally Barnes (right back), Wolves' Billy Wright (centre forward), Tommy Docherty (left half), Danny Blanchflower (right half), and of course Tommy Steele (inside right).

"We were a good Second Division standard, and with the team having such good players, we were not easy to beat, with young players being fast down the wing, and crossing it over for the ex-pros to put the ball away," he said.

"When I played, there was only one team, but now there are seven, covering disc jockey, TV showmen, TV all stars, even famous wrestlers." Many of the spectators came to the game to see how their favourite stars could play, what many did not know was many of the stars WERE players before going into films, for example Sean Connery (James Bond) played for Falkirk as centre forward until he was 24, and fans were thrilled to see Sean getting stuck in to the game and scoring goals.

With his busy work load, Tommy was unable to see games here, but was thrilled with "Soccer Action"

— BERNIE WASLIN

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ANGER OVER IMPORT BAN

Many PSL clubs are up in arms over a suggested new rule which will hamper further their ability to import players from overseas.

It is proposed that from January, 1983, a club will be allowed only three visa players, no more than one of whom can be imported for the new season.

No longer will a player who arrives on a temporary visa and then gains permanent residency be regarded as a fully-qualified Australian under the new rule.

His category won't change even if he becomes naturalised and the clubs feel this is ridiculous.

Makedonia president John Branov reacted strongly to the move.

"It would cost us \$100,000 if we had to buy six players locally as replacements," he said.

"Some of our players would have to return home or stay here without playing football.

"There are not enough good local players around to fill all these gaps anyway."

South Melbourne Hellas secretary Nick Sagiakos said: "It would be ridiculous for a player who has represented Australia to be banned because he first came here on a visa."

PSL official Tony Labbozzetta said the proposed rule would come before the Council of Clubs at the next meeting at the end of the month.

"We have not yet adopted it but we believe in looking to local players for the future and most clubs are doing it already."

"Victorian clubs are two years behind NSW in developing a youth league and they will have to catch up, but I am sure we can reach a compromise with the ASF if necessary when the scheme is dealt with."

ASF president Sir Arthur George is the strongest advocate of the proposed new rule.

"We are bluntly telling these clubs that they have no business to be in the league if they cannot exist on Australian-born players," he said.

Only if a player arrives as a genuine migrant will he be accepted immediately and have the same privileges as an Australian-born player.

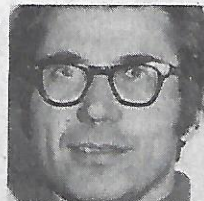
Such a case is Adelaide City's England youth inter-

national Neil Banfield who arrived from Crystal Palace as a migrant three weeks ago.

A player-coach coming to Australia on a visa in order to assist a developing area may gain limited local status, provided he does not transfer to another club.

Sir Arthur, speaking about the previous scheme, said: "We all know that one type of player comes here on a visa, gets to know a politician and gains permanent residency just for the sake of playing football."

The PSL has been asked by the ASF to suggest a formula to limit transfer fees on local players so that the new scheme can be implemented at a cost acceptable to the clubs.



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Desertion in Tasmania, big news for Azzurri

South Australian champion Azzurri could have been playing in the 1992 PSL instead of West Adelaide.

That's what Azzurri secretary Ted Iuliano told me late last week. Iuliano and his committee had talks with the ASF hierarchy and decided to run a feasibility study on competing in this year's PSL.

The results of the study showed that Azzurri would need about \$250,000 for a PSL season.

There was uncertainty about the structure of the PSL at the time and Phillips Industries just had pulled out its sponsorship. That swayed Azzurri into not going all-out for the place in the PSL. It felt confident of winning at West's expense.

Money isn't a big problem for Azzurri. It owes about \$8,000 but it owns its own freehold hotel, the Azzurri Black Lion, near Hindmarsh Stadium.

The club bought the hotel about eight years ago for just over \$200,000. Iuliano estimates its current market value at between \$350,000 and \$400,000.

That's one hell of an asset. Owning the hotel on a freehold basis also means that Azzurri can use the asset as collateral for any major loan the club wishes to take out.

There's big news about to break concerning a multi-million dollar complex which Azzurri will develop.

Iuliano was reticent about unveiling details as yet. Understandably so as negotiations still are in progress. However the deal, first talked about some two years ago, should be clinched within two to three months. It's going to make other South Australian clubs look like minnows in the Pacific Ocean.

Azzurri's cup runneth over with more than just dollars. There are championship and cup honors also bubbling over the top.

Azzurri's cache in 1991 included the Rothman's State League championship, the Federation Cup, Coca Cola Cup and Charity Cup.

Frank Schaper was the man at the coaching helm. Needless to say his committee was well pleased with his efforts.

Schaper coached rival Para Hills for two seasons before joining Azzurri last year.

Robbie Dunn, the tall blond stopper with West Adelaide, is the only player gone from last year's all-conquering first team squad. He was swapped for goalkeeper David Miller.

Former South Melbourne Hellas, Ringwood Wilhelmina and St. Kilda Hakoah winger Chris Kent was all set to sign with Azzurri earlier this year.

Azzurri had agreed on a \$5,000 transfer fee with Kent's

last club, Hakoah (now Hellas-Hakoah in the Victorian State League) but couldn't agree on terms for a contract with Kent.

However Azzurri did come to terms with exciting 19-year-old prospect Andy Toland and bought the young midfielder from Port Adelaide for \$3,500.

Defender Barry Smith also was bought. He had a \$500 maximum transfer fee clause in his contract with Campbelltown.

There's nothing surer than that Azzurri will be up there fighting for a second successive championship. It surely is one of the most progressive clubs in South Australia.

Abonyi paid the most?

Blacktown coach Rale Rasik may not be the highest paid State League coach in Australia.

Rasik's former pupil Otis Abonyi, now coaching Riverwood (nee Armcliffe Scots), may be ahead of the former Soccerroo supreme in the dollar stakes.

When Riverwood went searching for a coach in 1990 it was believed to be offering about \$60,000 over three years. Not bad!

The best money in the Victorian State League is \$300 a week. That's what a leading State League club offered to a rival coach earlier this year. The rival coach turned down the offer and stuck with the club with which he had done so well in 1991.

When it comes to player payments there's a fair-haired midfielder with a Melbourne based PSL club who is laughing all the way to the bank.

Without a word of a lie, this player gets \$500 a week, 52 weeks of the year.

No wonder he can afford to go to the races so often!

Trinca brothers to Tricolore

Across in the West, Azzurri is the best.

Perth Azzurri won the State League last year with an enviable unbeaten run which clinched a \$10,000 award from the fast chicken folk, Red Rooster.

Billy Mills has been brought out from Scotland to add strength to the champion club but the Trinca brothers, Aldo and Tony, have been loaned for a year to rival Tricolore. Azzurri wants it kept quiet but take it from me, Tricolore

paid through the nose for the brothers.

The Italian sponsored Azzurri reckons it can collect about \$20,000 in sponsorship this year, one of the best deals in the west.

Gordon Ferguson is in his fourth year as coach of Azzurri. He started off as player-coach but the old legs ain't what they used to be.

Club spokesman Frank Torrese tips Spearwood Dalmatinac as Azzurri's main danger to make it two titles in a row.

All but two quit ICL

Down Tassie way the price of success is believed to be in the region of \$25,000.

That's the reported debt incurred by last year's State champion Brighton.

The club was referred to last year as Brighton ICL but the ICL company has decided to take its sponsorship dollar elsewhere.

The parting of the ways after three years of sponsorship which amounted to just \$2,000 isn't the only blow to the champion. A certain high-ranking club official promised the sun, the moon and the earth to many first team players. To put it bluntly, the goods



AROUND AUSTRALIA with CRAIG MACKENZIE

didn't materialise come payment time. So the players left — all but two out of last year's first team squad, Ian Parker and Chris Hey. The spartan duo left to carry on the battle in the league but Parker has been promised a free and could move soon. Victorian State League clubs Melbourne Croatia and Sunshine were very interested earlier this year.

I believe that about 75 percent of the debt has been paid off and the rest will be taken care of by the end of this season.

Reducing such a debt in such a short time deserves a good slap on the back.

Let's log the player exodus: John Charlton to Rapid West Point; Kevin Swincoe to Melbourne Juventus; Graham Skelchell back home to NZ; Billy Kirkpatrick and Willie Peters to Croatia Glenorchy; Perry Foster and Brian McKay to Olympia.

Oh, and last year's coach John Taylor still was considering legal action against the club last time I spoke to the big man.

Would you believe that Swincoe was the only player

for whom the club received any transfer money?

It's true! Seems that clause E on Tassie registration forms states that when a player signs with a Tassie club the player and the club agree on a transfer fee once the contract expires.

That high-ranking official referred to earlier came to an agreement over this matter with most of last year's players. He agreed that they would be freed once their contracts expired!

But all is not lost. The champion club has picked up a midfielder from NZ David Hewitt, to play alongside Parker, Hey and most of last year's reserve side.

It's a black picture, granted, but I'm betting that Brighton won't be relegated this year like so many critics are tipping.

I expect a cosy, mid-table finish in store. Meanwhile the hard-working committee can continue to pull the club's head back above the murky, financial waters.

Costs cripple Queensland

You have to pay your own way from now on in the Queensland State League. Gone are the days when travel and accommodation costs were shared evenly by the member clubs.

When these costs were shared each club had to come up with about \$15,000 a season. It just got too much for Mt. Gravatt, Grange Thistle, Marree and Wynnum so they've shunned the State League and headed for the financial comfort of local competition.

To keep the league afloat the Queensland federation admitted Brisbane Lions and Brisbane City. These clubs will field their second string outfits and are bound to be challenging for title honours.

Of the clubs which faces a hefty cost to fit up and down throughout the State League season is Townsville but the third-placed club of 1981 isn't worried one bit.

Let's be conservative (because I was asked to) and say that Townsville can expect to rake in about \$50,000 in sponsorship this year.

On top of that the club owns shares in Lowryville hotel in Townsville. The hotel's Blue and Gold lounge is sort of a social club for the soccer boys and there's sure to be regular income flooding in from the lounge.

Kenny Worden has landed the plum coaching job with Townsville. He shouldn't have been too surprised to get the job vacated by Tim White, now Director of Coaching for Victoria.

Odd couple to Spain

Talk about the odd couple!

"Soccer Action" photographer Les Shorrock and the VSF's ground manager for Olympic Park, Albert Merrills, together in Spain for the World Cup.

In a caravan no less!

Shorrock's no dummy, though. He's taking along his infamous Tartan bonnet. Seeing that he'll be at Scotland's three preliminary round games he's done the right thing.

He'd better just nod his head when approached by one of the Scottish hordes, though. As soon as he opens his mouth his play will be uncovered, for he's a pomm.

The staple diet for the odd couple is powdered milk and porridge.

Shorrock's a real character when he's working behind the goals, clicking away at his Box Brownie.

I hope, for the sake of the Spanish organising committee, that Senor Shorrock restrains himself, especially during the final.

Imagine being one of a multi million TV viewing audience invited to the action in the final and watching a photographer wearing a Tartan bonnet hold up play while he argues with the referee over which side of the goal a corner should be taken from.

Not to mention drawing the referee's attention to a substitute illegally warning

Cole: 'We kick back now.' Stevenson: 'We have more skill'

The countdown to Sunday's Greek derby at Middle Park between Hellas and Heidelberg-Alexander has begun.

Here are the views of some of the players from both sides whose roles will be crucial to the outcome of this traditional battle.

ALUN EVANS (Hellas, captain and striker): On our day I've got no doubts

that we're a better team than Heidelberg.

We're a bit mixed up at present, what with players coming in and out of the side, and injuries.

However our record against Heidelberg over the past two years has been good.

I think our defence is a lot more solid than their defence. There's not much between the different forward lines but we've got more flair up front whereas they are fairly set in the method by which they go forward.

Don Macleod's an aggressive player and we had bit of a run in during this year's Ampol Cup.

Brisbane Lions' defender Col Bennett is a similar type of player. There's not a great deal you can do to combat aggressive stoppers. I try to be as quiet as possible and not get them too riled.

I just hope that the referee is on the ball. You can run into this type of player but it doesn't bother them much.

I'll just keep my eye on the ball and I hope that the tackles aren't too high.

In recent weeks we've brought pressure on ourselves with poor results against J.U.S.T. and Canberra. It's entirely the fault of the players, but we can rectify this against Heidelberg.

Winning obviously will get us that bit closer to the top of the table and it means a lot to our Greek supporters.

I'm confident that we'll beat Heidelberg.

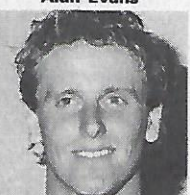
GARY COLE (Alexander, striker):

We're just about ready to hit a consistent patch and I think we'll beat Hellas on Sunday.

We've been through a lot in recent times. We were expected to destroy Marconi but they destroyed us, then we did well against Brisbane Lions. We've been working on this



Alun Evans



Arthur Xanthopoulos

Man for man and as a team we're the better side.

It's really a clash of two different styles. They play with twin strikers whereas we use three up front. They've been playing that way for a while now and their players have been together for a few seasons.

Wee Jimmy Rooney keeps them ticking over in midfield but I think we've got more skill than them.

We've got enough experienced players to get us through our present situation and help bring on the younger players in the side.

I'm going into the game full of confidence.

JIM CAMPBELL (Alexander, midfielder):

This is the biggest game of the season as far as I'm concerned.

It's a derby with a great atmosphere and that will bring the best out of the players.

We'll win. We killed them in the Ampol Cup but just didn't take our chances.

Wip Kenny Taylor back in midfield this year I've been given a much freer role.

I like getting released to go forward and I'm really looking forward to Sunday.

Some people at Hellas think that they're more skilful. As far as I'm concerned that's a slightly big-headed attitude.

We collapsed badly against Hellas in the Ampol Cup game but we've sorted out that problem. It won't happen on Sunday.

ARTHUR XANTHOPOULOS (Hellas, defender):

I'm always confident when we play Alexander because Hellas seems to hit a high in a big game and perform the way it can.

It's really a battle of skill and strength. We have the skill and they have the strength.

Their asset is their running, on and off the ball. Gary Cole is hard to stop because of his physical ability. He's dangerous all the time and you can't give him an inch.

DON MACLEOD (Heidelberg, defender):

Of course we'll win on Sunday. We're a better team, better organised and we've got better players.

I'm really looking forward to the game. The atmosphere should be fantastic.

I enjoy playing against good players like Alun Evans. He's a seasoned professional and he knows all the tricks.

He's a great shelder of the ball and I'll have to stick close to him. I'll win everything in the air. I'll just try to get a foot in when he's in possession

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It's nothing short of tragic if, because of the Falkland Islands — Malvinas dispute, the three British teams (England, Scotland and Northern Ireland) and/or Argentina is forced to withdraw from the World Cup.

But, regrettably, it's not possible to separate sport from politics as the history of the Olympics and World Cup so clearly prove.

As for FIFA taking drastic action against Argentina because of its seizure of the Falklands — that's simply out of the question.

FIFA has made it quite

clear over the years that it will not penalise countries for their political or even military actions, let alone, domestic politics.

If it did — international soccer would grind to a quick halt.

Should FIFA depart from this sane platform, it could expel —

- The USSR for its occupation of Afghanistan;
- El Salvador for its civil war;
- Northern Ireland for the prolonged civil disturbances;
- Poland for defaulting on its \$25 billion debt to western banks; and just about every other member country for major or trivial reasons objectionable to some others.

So once again, we go into a World Cup finale series surrounded by political tension.

In 1974, following the 1972 Olympic massacre by terrorists, West German police and army groups had all the stadiums encircled by tanks, bazookas and gunship helicopters in case of another attack.

Four years ago the Argentinian government and all of us wondered if the "Mundial"

would be disrupted by the urban guerrillas called the "Monteneros" with whom troops had been having a running war for years.

And now to Spain where, apart from the possibility of Basque disturbances, we could have massive problems with or because of the —

- Argentina v England conflict

- Soviet occupation of Afghanistan;
 - Irish problem — To mention just a few.
- Do imagine, if you're good at having nightmares, a Poland v USSR or England v Argentina match in Round Two or in a semifinal.
- I guess they'd have to call in

soccer-nut Henry Kissinger to referee the games.

Everybody seems slightly amazed that David Mitchell has been captured by Sydney City Hakoah rather than the other main bidder, Sydney Olympic.

The strength of their argument is that Olympic enjoys a much greater popular support and thus could have recouped its \$30,000 investment much easier and quicker.

This is, of course, true — if you go on gate takings. But few clubs anywhere in the world depend on that source alone for their revenue.

Sydney City's parent club, Hakoah, makes a \$30,000 profit — clear profit — about every fortnight; right through the year, soccer or no soccer.

And the surety, is an adequate financial basis.

Another popular theory, gradually turning into a myth, is that Sydney City unfailingly "buys success".

The fact is that it hardly ever buys players — not at anywhere near the frequency of many other clubs.

In 1980 it bought one — Kenny Boden. Last year it bought two — John Kosmina and Agenor Muniz. This year it's been Mitchell.

Four quality players in three seasons — surely less than the average in the PSL.

Admittedly, Sydney City usually goes after the big fish; not for the "cheaper by the dozen" syndrome.

This policy first was established by the club's late Tibor Kalman, an astute team manager, and most successfully continued by the present team "boss", Andrew Lederer.

Through some odd coincidence, both carved out a brilliant career in the small-goods and meat business.

However, those who chide the wealthy Slickers for their occasional splurges tend to forget that few clubs in Australia can sell players better than them.

Let me give you the example of John Stevenson for whom South Melbourne Hellas actually paid considerably more than the Slickers ever had expected or even demanded.

Doug Collins: Olympic aims to set goalscore record

Doug Collins, the 36-year-old coach of Sydney Olympic, has thrown Australian soccer conventions out the window by pursuing an all-out attacking style in away matches as well as at home.

Not for him the cautious approach of making sure of at least one point!

And it's paying off handsomely not only in championship points, but also in entertainment value and gate takings.

Witness the 12,000 crowd at Olympic's match against APIA two weeks ago.

Collins succeeded Tommy Docherty as coach of Olympic about 10 months ago, after 20 years as a professional in England.

During those 20 years he had: four years with Grimsby Town; nine years with Burnley; one year with Plymouth; one year with Sunderland; one year as player and coach with Tulsa Roughnecks in the U.S.; six months as player-coach of Derby County when Docherty was manager there; and a stint as player-manager of Rochdale before coming to Australia last year.

Collins talks about his job with Olympic and about the players under him, in his interview with "Soccer Action" editor LAURIE SCHWAB:

SCHWAB: Your good run in the league was marred somewhat by your 0-1 loss to Croatia in the NSW Ampol Cup quarter-finals last week. What happened?

COLLINS: Anything I could say would probably sound like sour grapes, but I do think the refereeing left a lot to be desired. Croatia went on to worry us and their tackling often was quite border-line, but the referee didn't bring out the yellow card until five minutes from the end and by then it was too late. But they deserve credit. They apparently had five men out of the side, but they did their job well. That's soccer. One minute you're on top, then you're kicked in the teeth just to show you're not as good as you may think.

SCHWAB: What kind of impression did you form about Olympic when you took over last year, on Docherty's recommendation?

COLLINS: I knew from what I had heard and seen that this was a good attacking side but it had lost its last two games under Docherty and it lost its first three under me, giving us a



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blau... We were OK when we had the ball but that we didn't have a clue when the opposition had it. I worked on that, so that each player would know exactly what to do and what his teammates had to do when the opposition was in possession.

SCHWAB: What exactly are their defensive duties now?

COLLINS: I can't tell you that. All I can say is that the back four know exactly what the midfielders will do, and the forwards know exactly what the midfielders will do. We work the opposition into certain areas.

SCHWAB: In other words, you force the opponents to play the ball into a certain direction.

COLLINS: That's right, but I'm not going to tell you into what directions. It's a team plan, that's all.

SCHWAB: Your team has been criticised, though, for being weak defensively.

COLLINS: I wouldn't agree. All I would concede is that we have been giving away sloppy goals. The first one against Adelaide City was sloppy, so was the one against St. George.

SCHWAB: With such a talented squad, you've been faced with some pretty difficult choices in team selection...

COLLINS: Ken Wilson and Tommy Gavin are the ones who have suffered. They've both been playing well but they haven't been in the side consistently. Wilson stands out the most in this regard. He had been playing in the back, but because of circumstances, we asked him to play in midfield but when other players returned, he was out again. When Jimmy Redfern was injured, Wilson came in as centre forward and scored two goals against Adelaide City but once more he was out when we played against APIA, because Redfern came back. I'm sure Wilson will come back as a regular eventually but for the time being I have to stick with the team that's doing so well.

SCHWAB: Wilson also can play right back, but Martyn Rogers has been slotted in there. Is he the regular right back now?

COLLINS: When Rogers came out from England, Danny Moulis was the right back but Danny was injured and needed a cartilage operation. Rogers came in for the last six games and, together with Peter Katholos, he's been my most consistent player.

SCHWAB: Katholos, of course, has been leading our best player award for some weeks.

COLLINS: It's little wonder. He frustrates me sometimes but he's an amazing character and an amazing player. He's as good as anything I've seen in England and he could play anywhere.

SCHWAB: What makes him such a good player?

COLLINS: Determination and tremendous skill. Rarely do you get those two qualities together. Katholos battles right to the end of every game. He never stops. At times he holds the ball too long, but he makes up for it in other ways. He's a wonderful character to have around and he's very well liked by the



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others. Really, I can't see a better player in Australia. Maybe I'm biased and maybe other coaches will have their own suggestions, but there's not a better midfield combination than Katholos and Raskopoulos for the national team.

SCHWAB: What would you say are the differences between Katholos and Peter Raskopoulos?

COLLINS: Raskopoulos is a thinker. Katholos is pure skill and motivation. Raskopoulos is more the general. He's on the ball less but he's a good distributor. He looks for the openings and he finds them.

SCHWAB: To what extent has Raskopoulos improved during your six months at the club? Let's remember that Marcon left him go.

COLLINS: I don't know if the World Youth Championships was what did it but he certainly has more confidence now. He's more mature, he believes in himself. He's always been aggressive — after all, he was a rugby player.

SCHWAB: You talked about Katholos holding the ball too long at times. The same criticism can be applied to your sweeper, Jim Ziras.

COLLINS: You're right, and it's worse for a defender, but you can't do much more than tell the boy. If he's not prepared to learn, he'll suffer in the long run. I believe a defender must know when to play, but he also must know when to give the ball a good boot up the park. Despite that fault of his, he's a very talented player, who has a knack for getting forward and finding the gaps.

SCHWAB: Have you ever threatened that you'll leave him out if he gets caught in possession too often?

COLLINS: No, I don't believe in that. I don't want to make him frightened of doing things. If he loses, it we've got to be prepared to accept that because he is, after all, doing it less now than when I first arrived.

SCHWAB: Mark Koussas has been praised to the heavens recently, yet he was criticised last season. How has he improved?

COLLINS: I was told early on that Mark Koussas could not score goals — that he was missing most of his chances. But he's been scoring plenty for me. He's still missing more than he's scoring but so long as he's there to miss them, I don't mind. At training I get him to have a crack every time he gets sight of the goal. I don't care how many times he misses, so long as he has a go. He does his share of work, too, but it's in the penalty area that he's most effective. He's quick and brave and he has an unorthodox approach. He does things which he really shouldn't do, but they often work for him. For example, he often turns into players when he should play the ball back. Even then, he somehow manages to power his way through. I saw George Best playing like that in the box. He'd bounce the ball off opponents' legs in order to score.

SCHWAB: The reputation of Graham Jennings has grown parallel with that of Katholos and Koussas. What kind of work have you done on him?

COLLINS: A lot. He has fantastic speed, so we have concentrated on slowing it. But he's untidy at times and we're trying to correct that. Sometimes he loses concentration, he gets bogged down in the wrong areas, and he loses the ball after holding it too long, which can put two or three of our players out of the game when the opponents get the ball back.

SCHWAB: Does he come inside enough?

COLLINS: Yeah, plenty. It is true that we encourage him to go mainly down the line and to run at players, but he does get inside.

SCHWAB: But Redfern, when he's on the wing, always seems to have more opportunities open to him than Jennings does.

COLLINS: That's because he's a much more experienced player. But in our last four matches, Jennings has been great and we still haven't seen the best of him. I'm sure he'll go on to play for Australia. I can't think of any other left wingers who are as good.

SCHWAB: Is it true that Tommy Docherty is to return to Olympic as manager, with you continuing as coach?

COLLINS: It is true that he's coming to Sydney, but I don't know if he's coming back to Olympic. He'll be here on May 9.

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Soccer Around the World

Briethner saves Bayern

West German champion Bayern Munich, three goals down after 18 minutes, staged a magnificent comeback before losing 3-4 to CSKA Sofia of Bulgaria in their European Cup semi final first leg in Sofia.

From JIM COOK
our European
correspondent

CSKA, conqueror of English holder Liverpool in the previous round, stunned Bayern with a three-goal blitzkrieg in the first 18 minutes.

But Bayern, champion of Europe from 1974-1976, refused to lie down.

Bayern's chances of appearing in the final in Rotterdam on May 26 looked non-existent after that opening burst.

It was still reeling from Dimitrov's early opener when Yonchev added the second with blistering free-kick from 22 metres which left Bayern goalkeeper Manfred Mueller clutching thin air.

CSKA striker Stoycho Mladenov, who scored the two goals which knocked out Liverpool in the last round, set up the third against Bayern with a solo run into the Bayern penalty area which came to an abrupt end when he was fouled by defender Udo Hormann. Rade Zdravko gave Mueller no chance from the resultant penalty.

Bayern coach Pal Czernatels promptly sent on striker Dieter Hoeneß, brother of the club's general manager Uli, in place of Icelandic international Asgeir Sigurvinsson and the move quickly paid off.

For after Duerrenberger sparked the visitors' fight back in the 27th minute, Hoeneß struck just five minutes later to make the score 3-2.

But the Bulgarian struck again in the 48th minute when Bayern international Wolfgang Dremmler miscued a pass straight to the feet of T. Tchechev, unmarked in front of goal, and he scored easily.

Bayern captain Briethner completed the goal rush when he surged upfield in the 82nd minute to dispatch a fine drive past CSKA goalkeeper Georgi Velinov.

Aston Villa kept England's chances of a sixth successive European Cup triumph alive with a 1-0 victory over Belgian champion Anderlecht in Birmingham.

Villa owed its semi final first leg victory to England international winger Tony Morley, who collected a pass from midfielder Gordon Cowans in the 27th minute and drilled a low shot past Anderlecht goalkeeper Jacques Munaron.

But despite almost incessant pressure, Villa failed to convert a succession of chances into goals and its hopes of survival in the second leg in Brussels in two weeks' time looks slim.

Radnicki Nis of Yugoslavia beat Hamburg 2-1 in their UEFA Cup semi final first leg in Nis but with an away goal under their belts, the powerful West Germans look hot favourites to advance to the final.

Chris Marustik, the 20-year-old full back of Swansea City, won his first cap for Wales against Spain after playing only 32 first team matches. Marustik, a former Welsh schoolboy and youth international, is the son of a Czech father.

Manchester United and West Bromwich Albion are both trying to lure Laurie Cunningham the England winger now with Real Madrid.

Toronto Blizzard bossed by Bob Houghton, are expected to sign Manchester United and Northern Ireland defender Jimmy Nicholl for around \$500,000. Nicholl will virtually be returning home as he was born in Hamilton near Toronto.

Two Dutch stars, both midfielders and both with AZ67, could be in English soccer next season. They are Jan Peters and Johnny Metgod. Peters, skipper of the club, finishes his contract soon and has been eyed by Arsenal and Wolves, while Metgod was a target for Everton when Holland recently played Scotland in Glasgow.

Rossi back, Jan Peters for England

Two two-year ban on Juventus striker Paolo Rossi for the bribes scandal is over and as he is wanted for Italy's World Cup squad it's likely he will figure in one of Juventus' few remaining league matches. Another good bit of news for Italy manager Enzo Bearzot is that Fiorentina midfielder star Giancarlo Antognoni, who fractured his skull over four months ago, has made a successful comeback with his club and will be fit for Spain.



Paolo Rossi

Norwich City is letting its \$600,000 record signing of two years ago, Drazen Muzinic, go for free along with another eight players, most of whom have had considerable first team experience. Muzinic was on an expensive contract with the Canaries. As well as relieving Norwich of a big financial worry the player will be able to pick up a handsome signing fee from one of the many continental clubs sure

to seek his signature. Mizinic played only 25 first team games for Norwich in his two years after coming from Hajduk Split where he made 36 international appearances for Yugoslavia.

A 16-year-old Brighton fan who threw a lead weight at Brighton's Eire international striker Mick Robinson and badly scarred his face, was fined \$400 in court and ordered to pay \$100 compensation to Robinson.



Jan Peters

Notts County, managed by that wry Scot, Jimmy Sirrell, has the smallest playing staff in either the First or Second Divisions, with a bare 22 pros. Sirrell has done a wonder job in establishing County back in the First Division on a shoestring budget and only one lavish signing — John Chidozie the Nigerian international striker from Orient.

Justin Fashanu, back in the Notts Forest side, grabbed

bed front page headlines in the 'Sunday People', hotly denying malicious gossip and allegations that he is a homosexual. Fashanu in fact says he has had a steady girlfriend — a Norwich model — for the past two years and said he will sue through his legal advisers if anything is said openly.

Argentine soccer really does have economic problems which have recently been highlighted by the plight of top side River Plate and the fact that Boca Juniors may have to sell Maradona as some of its playing staff have 100's of wages dating back to 1980. Root of the problem is the state of the country's economy. In 1978 just after the World Cup the rate of exchange was 800 Argentine pesos to the dollar. Now it's nearer 10,000 pesos to the dollar which spells bankruptcy.

Joe Harper, the former Scottish international striker who moved between Hibs, Everton and Aberdeen for figures totalling over half a million is now player-manager of Scottish Highland League side Peterhead.

The transfer deadline has come and gone in England and other than a couple of six-figure deals, around 30 other players moved clubs at peanut fees, on loan or at no cash transaction at all. This reflects on the economic crisis surrounding the game and is in contrast with the 1981 season when over \$6 million changed hands in transfer deals before the March deadline.

Biggest deal involved the return of central defender Steve Wicks to Queens Park Rangers from hard-up Crystal Palace. Wicks cost Palace \$1.4 million from QPR less than a year ago but the astute Terry Venables got a thief's bargain, getting Wicks back for just over \$600,000.

Only one other six-figure deal had a stock exchange look about it. Mick Harford, the Bristol City striker, moved to Birmingham via his former club Newcastle United for \$200,000. With the old Bristol City in the hands of the receiver and the club still owing Newcastle \$200,000 for his transfer, he moved back to the Geordie club for free who then picked up the \$200,000 fee from Birmingham. If the deal had gone through direct then the receiver would have collected the cash. Harford had a dream debut for the struggling Birmingham and got the only goal in its match with Brighton which gave it three points.

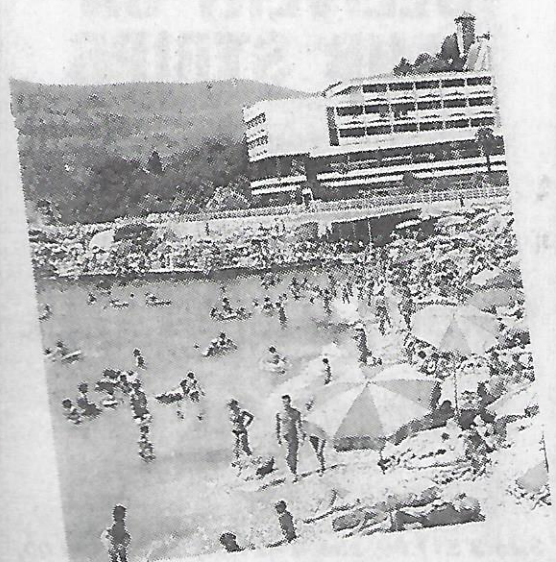
Two big loan deals involved striker Alan Biley of Everton who went to Stoke City while Richard Money the former Fulham defender who cost Liverpool \$600,000 was loaned to Luton Town. Former Scottish international captain Archie Gemmill kissed goodbye to his long service in British soccer when he was freed at 35 to join Jacksonville in USA.

George Best, who walked out on San Jose Earthquakes before their match with New York Cosmos, has been sacked by the NASL side whose manager says he won't play for them again.

No messing with Jock Stein. After a British report-ers had been denied access to interviews with Russian champion Dynamo Kiev's World Cup players, the Scotland boss brushed aside Russian journalists who wanted to interview him.

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May 2 D-day for Rasic and Jones

An interesting confrontation has sprung up in the NSW State League between coaches Mick Jones of Manly and Rale Rasic of Blacktown City.

Mick Jones has not hidden his anger at being released by Blacktown after he took it to a respectable position in the Phillips League in its debut season two years ago.

Blacktown decided it did not want Jones after the season ended, preferring Rale Rasic who moved from Adelaide City to take up a part-time coaching position.

Jones, meanwhile, was left without a job and it was not till half way through the next season that a struggling Manly parted with its coach and took on Jones who is a local resident.

Mick Jones got Manly out of trouble and, aided by a few judicious signings such as Sydney City's Terry Smith, now has assembled a very strong squad which is challenging for top spot in the State League.

The ambitious Blacktown newcomers that top position more than Manly.

Rale Rasic also needs that top spot at the end of the season to answer those critics who say the fact that he has not been able to win a league title in well over a decade of coaching with top teams indicates a flaw in his coaching methods.

To date Rasic has been able to win Cup events fairly consistently, with success in Japan with St George and his World Cup qualification with Australia being his greatest achievements.



Mike Johnson

championships but has not coached consistently at as high a level as Rasic.

The big crunch for both coaches comes on Sunday May 2 at Cromer Park when Manly meets Blacktown City.

I know from conversations with Mick Jones that he has been looking forward to that confrontation for over a year.

He has a point he wants to prove to the Blacktown management.

This, on the other hand, is just the type of game for which Rale Rasic can be expected to build his team to a psychological high.

Both teams have some excellent players.

Paul Kirwan the Blacktown newcomer, a very dangerous winger, is able to "go at" players possibly better even than the diminutive South Melbourne attacker George Campbell.

Cliff Pointer, Robert Wheatley, keeper Bruce James, midfielders Harry Housseini and Stuart Selva are just some of the very good Blacktown players who I personally tip to win the State League.

On the other hand Falconer, Bobby Smith (like Terry, ex-Sydney City) striker Regan, utility player David Jack, plus the elegant Terry Smith are all class players backed up with solid aggression from sweeper



Mick Jones

Doyle at the heart of the back four.

My Bankstown City team took a first half hammering from Blacktown and ended up losing 1-3, whereas we beat Manly 2-1 in an Ampol Cup game.

However I was very impressed with Manly that night and told Mick Jones that his team would definitely make the top four.

The Manly coach was even more confident.

He said: "I had a couple of good players out tonight. When we get them back I have a team that can win the league!"

May 2, at Cromer Park could have a big bearing on who will eventually take over the prestigious State league title.

Melita, Croatia and Riverwood will also have their own thoughts on that matter as all of them consider they have

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Christopoulos, Mitchell lead the star parade

By LAURIE SCHWAB

What a star-studded season it's turning out to be.

Let's look at some of the personalities who have set the Philips League buzzing.

● **DAVID MITCHELL**: Tall, lanky 19-year-old Soccerpro who reinforced Sydney City Hakoah's claim to a second successive title by transferring there from Adelaide City last week for \$30,000.

● **GEORGE CHRISTOPOULOS**: Back from England where he just failed to join Newcastle United, he finally got his transfer to Canberra last week at a fee of \$20,000 and looks set to lift Canberra rapidly up the table with those powerhouse goals he scored so regularly with South Melbourne Hellas before his move.

● **CHARLIE EGAN**: 1980 Victorian Rothmans Medalist with Frankston, Egan's lightning speed, turning ability and alertness in the penalty area sees him leading the PSL scorers' list with eight goals for South Melbourne Hellas.

● **DOUG BROWN**: Flamboyant, hard-running striker with tremendous flair and volatile personality, has helped inspire Makedonia's strong early-season run.

● **MARSHALL SOPER**: Picked up from the Newcastle area for a pittance by APIA, and now hailed as the finest central striker in the country.

● **PETER KATHOLOS**: A hit with the Soccerpro last year, now the key skill factor in the Sydney Olympic midfield, and also leader in "Soccer Action's" best player award.

● **NEIL MCCACHEY**: Returned from a year's absence to rejoin West Adelaide Hellas under new coach Alan Vest and has provided the inspiration and steady influence to once again make West Adelaide a feared team.

● **DES MARTON**: 38 goals in the NSW State League last year, and six for St George so far this year — all goals, cunning, experience and extraordinary ability.

● **ARNO BERTOOGNA**: Carried the Wollongong defence during the club's poor early run, and one of the inspirations of its recent rapid improvement, Bertogna can play centre back, full back, midfield or forward and surely must be recalled to the national squad when the new one is formed.

● **JIM CAMPBELL**: All-action forward or midfielder of Heidelberg-Alexander who is set to recapture his most brilliant form after Heidelberg's poor performances in its past two games.

● **RON MILLMAN**: One of the veterans of Brisbane Lions, he has lost none of his explosive speed, and he's been exploiting that speed to drive Lions further and further up the ladder with match-winning goals.

● **DUBRAVKO LEDIC**: Former Velez Mostar captain who played his first game for Marconi last weekend. Much more from him yet!

But there are many more — Arthur Xanthopoulos and the revitalised Branko Buljevic of Hellas, Gary Cole and John Zenden of Heidelberg, Ljube Petrovski, Rob Cullen and, when he's fit again, Claude Lucchesi of Makedonia; John Kosmina, Murray Barnes, Joe Watson, Ian Souness of Hakoah; Zoran Iliosi, Zdravko Lujic, Slobodan Jovanovic, Jim O'Reilly of T.S.T.; John Bradley of APIA; Jimmy Redfern, Mark Koussas, Peter Raskopoulos of Olympic; Willie Conner and Joe Palinkas of Brisbane City; Roy Cotton and Phil O'Connor of Wollongong; Mark Barton and Peter Stone of St George; Paul Ontong, Gary Byrne and Ian Purdie of Canberra; Billy Williamson and Col Bennett of Lions and Tony Henderson, Mark Jankovics and Ian Hunter of Marconi.

Let's look at some of the clashes between the stars this coming Sunday.

Doug Brown will confront the 1981 Australian Player of the Year, Bobby Russell, in Makedonia's match against Adelaide City at Connor Reserve. What a battle that will be. Perhaps, if it comes off even, Makedonia will have to play instead on Gary Ward, Rob Cullen, or, if he plays — finally — Lucchesi. Cullen and Ward, however, missed four easy chances between them against St George last week.

Marshall Soper v Jim Kondarios. This will be another titanic affair. Soper's been dynamite so far this year, but Kondarios is one of the most experienced stoppers in Australia. APIA however, will have an enormous advantage after the flare-up in the J.U.S.T. camp last Sunday (see page 7). And J.U.S.T. may not have a coach.

Mark Koussas v Peter Tokesi. Koussas is like a stick of dynamite in the penalty area — set to explode at any given moment with a spectacular goal. Tokesi, that fearsome, brawny, towering blond destroyer, eats forwards for breakfast.

Phil O'Connor v David Skeen: Wollongong's O'Connor will confront Rob O'Shea as much as he confronts Skeen, for O'Connor switches from side to side. But it is the clash with Skeen that will be most interesting, for Skeen, a highly underrated player, has turned his international experience with the Australian youth team into an uncanny ability to play a leading role in St George's build-ups from the back.

Gary Byrne v Steve Summer: This is the clash to end all clashes. Gary Byrne is one of Australia's most experienced midfield players and he's proved a brilliant buy for Canberra. Steve Summer is captain of the New Zealand national team, with countless caps under his belt. Byrne himself has been capped 24 times for Australia. Whether Canberra or West Adelaide wins will depend heavily on who has the better game in the middle of the midfield.

Alan Davidson v Jimmy Rooney? This one's just speculation. Davidson is due to return to the Hellas team after injury and if he takes up the right midfield position he held earlier, he will indeed be up against Heidelberg's Rooney, veteran of 99 games for Australia. On the other hand, Davidson could finish up playing right back, perhaps against Andrew Boziskas.

Joe Watson v Howard Trennick: Watson has been one of Hakoah's main driving forces since before the PSL started. Trennick, brother of Wollongong's Peter Tredinnick, was in the Australian youth team for the World Youth Championships last year. But what about David Mitchell and John Kosmina v John Snedden and Trevor Smythe, and perhaps Murray Barnes v Malcolm McClelland? Oh, what a team, this Hakoah!

Mark Jankovics v Col Bennett: Former Soccerpro team mates, both tall, both strong. Jankovics is Marconi's most important forward, but Bennett has won most battles this year, and Lions have the home ground advantage.

Enjoy it fans, there's much to enjoy!

IN MELBOURNE

South Melbourne Hellas v Heidelberg Alexander (draw) at Middle Park, Sunday, 3.30 pm.
PRESTON MAKEDONIA v Adelaide City at Connor Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

IN SYDNEY

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH v Newcastle KB at Sydney Athletic Field, Sunday, 3 pm.
APIA LEICHHARDT v Footscray J.U.S.T. at Lambert Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v Brisbane City at Pratten Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

IN WOLLONGONG

Wollongong v ST GEORGE at Wollongong Showgrounds, Sunday, 3 pm.

IN ADELAIDE

West Adelaide Hellas v CANBERRA at Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday, 2.30 pm.

IN BRISBANE

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| 4 (3) SYDNEY C. HAKOAH | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 12:9 | 11 |
| 5 (7) Sth Melb. Hellas | 3 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 18:12 | 10 |
| 6 (8) Brisbane Lions | 2 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 18:13 | 10 |
| 7 (4) Preston Makedonia | 2 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 14:11 | 10 |
| 8 (5) H'berg Alexander | 3 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 12:9 | 10 |
| 9 (9) West Adel. Hellas | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 13:10 | 9 |
| 10 (10) Marconi Datsun | 3 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 11:12 | 8 |
| 11 (11) Wollongong | 2 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 11:18 | 8 |
| 12 (14) Canberra City | 2 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 12:16 | 7 |
| 13 (12) Brisbane City | 2 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 14 | 10:20 | 7 |
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Total appearances in brackets

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(Makedonia)

VLIESTRA (1)
(Wollongong)

T. BYRNE (1)
(Canberra)

SKEEN (1)
(St. George)

KATHOLOS (5)
(Syd Olymp)

PHILIPS (1)
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PIMBLETT (1)
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Olympic delights record crowd

Marconi 2 Olympic 3

Scorers: Redfern 2, Koussas (SO); Jankovic, Calderan (M). Ground: Marconi Stadium. MARCONI: Maher 5, Bozanic 7, Prskalo 7, Calderan 7, Budini 6, Henderson 5 (Picleone 74'), Letic 6, Silva 6, Hunter 7, Jankovic 7, Licata 6. SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Wilson 7, Rogers 6, Ziras 7, Rowden 7, Scott 7, Raskopoulos 8, Katholos 8, Phillips 8, Redfern 8, Koussas 6, Jennings 6.

Sydney Olympic returned to Marconi stadium, their mid-week Ampol Cup flasco spot, to completely dominate proceedings against the home team and take two points before the biggest ever crowd at Bosley Park.

Almost 11,000 people filled the terraces at Marconi, with Olympic's support easily outnumbering their Marconi counterparts. In an almost festive atmosphere, the game was delayed by almost eight



Alex Vesic

minutes, due to the fact that hundreds of spectators were still outside the ground, trying to get in.

Announcements were made in English, Italian and Greek about the delay only adding to this colourful atmosphere.

The game itself was played in the same friendly spirit, with a sprinkling of tough encounters which never went beyond the limits. It was hard to understand the flashing of two yellow cards (Letic and Bozanic), four fouls which were far less damaging or far than reason outside the law, than most during the game.

Letic received his yellow card only a few minutes after

the start to open his Australian career on a sour note, while Bozanic was booked after 57 minutes. Both fouled Koussas.

Olympic raced into an early lead following a goal by Koussas but one could not help feeling that Alan Maher aided and abetted Koussas. Gary Phillips found Koussas on the edge of the box and the nippy Olympic striker turned, hitting the ball low, but very close to Maher. It appeared that the ball slid under the goalkeeper's body, giving it a "soft" look.

Raskopoulos almost made it 2-0 a few minutes later, then Letic started a move at the other end which found Hunter heading into space for Jankovic to run through Bob Wilson, but also the cross-bar.

Katholos broke through in the 19th minute but his shot from an angle was well saved by Maher, then a few minutes later Koussas headed just past the post from a cross by Andy Scott.

In the 24th minute and against the run of play Marconi struck following a superb run by Licata. Budini's pass found Licata on the left flank racing for the ball with Rogers. The Marconi winger easily outpaced the Olympic fullback then crossed for Jankovic to nudge the ball into the net from close range.

With 15 minutes to go in the first half, Ziras collected the long goal kick by Maher, then pushed the ball neatly to Phillips whose cross found an unmarked Jimmy Redfern close to the Marconi goal line. A first time shot followed and Maher was beaten again.

Close to half time Olympic missed a couple of good opportunities with Koussas, then Redfern missed from close range.

Olympic dominated the second half, and looked the likely winner all the way despite the closeness of the score. Mark Koussas came close again in the 68th minute from a cross by Katholos, then Jimmy Redfern almost broke through with Marconi's defence having to struggle to stop the enthusiastic Olympic forwards.

Tony Henderson, having one of his off days, was replaced in the 74th minute by Picleone, and Marconi almost equalised a minute later. Ian Hunter and Mark Jankovic found themselves in a two on one situation with Ziras to beat but muffed the opportunity.

At the other end Olympic was not so generous. A corner kick by Peter Katholos was headed goalwards by Ian Rowden and with Alan Maher out of his goal and in 'no man's land', Budini had to use his hands to stop the ball crossing the line. Jimmy Redfern scored from the resultant penalty to make it 3-1.

Calderon cut Olympic's lead with a great header following a corner kick by Hunter, but that was as far as the locals could manage on the day. The end result was a flattering one for the home side as Olympic looked for most of the match a much better unit, with mid-field duo Raskopoulos and Katholos easily shading their opposition. Gary Phillips showed some superb touches and was my choice for the man of the match, with Katholos and Raskopoulos coming a close second and third.

MITCHELL SENT OFF, THOMSON BLASTS NUGENT

Canberra 2 Sydney C 0

Scorers: McLaren 80th, Cant own goal 91st. Venue: Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 3100.

Cautions: Kosmina, Souzou, Mullen (SC), T. Byrne, Christopoulos, Stone (Can). Sent off: Mitchell (SC) 85th.

Referee: David Nugent 3. CANBERRA CITY: Hoszowski 8 - Ambrosino 7, Milovanovic 8, T. Byrne 8, Moustakopoulos 7 - Christopoulos 7, G. Byrne 7, Stone 7 - McLaren 7 (Purdie 75th), Gibson 7, Brennan 7.

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Clarke 7 - Mullen 8, O'Connor 7, Robertson 7, Cant 7 - Padukas 7, Souzou 7 (Borgos 7, 45th), Spasos 7 - Christopoulos 8, Kosmina 8, Mitchell 7 (sent off 85th).

Six players were shown yellow cards and one was sent



Peter Windsor

off when Canberra City dramatically defeated third-placed Sydney City 2-0 at Bruce Stadium.

The heavy hand of Queensland referee David Nugent robbed the game of much of its excitement and prompted Sydney City's coach, Eddie Thomson to comment: "It was the worst exhibition of refereeing I have ever witnessed."

"After today the advantage rule must be a thing of the past."

Nugent gave yellow cards to Canberra's Terry Byrne,

George Christopoulos and Ian Stone and Sydney City's Ian Souzou, John Kosmina and Kevin Mullen.

And then, with just five minutes remaining, he sent off Sydney City's \$30,000 new signing David Mitchell after a scuffle with Canberra's Terry Byrne.

It was a tragic end for the big striker who missed an early goal scoring chance and generally failed to impress in his debut.

By Sydney City, handicapped by absent key players Ken Boden and Murray Barnes, wasted several early goal scoring opportunities.

The best came after five minutes when livewire forward John Kosmina found Jimmy Cant unmarked with a neat back pass.

Cant had room and time but delayed his attempt and Canberra's goal keeper Steve Hoszowski smothered the shot by diving bravely at Cant's

feet to pull off a superb save. Six minutes later Canberra's skipper Terry Byrne misjudged a back pass and the over-zealous Mitchell pounced, but Hoszowski was ready and saved brilliantly by diving low.

From then on Canberra gathered momentum and it was Sydney City who back pedalled.

Without Boden and Barnes its midfield was ineffective. After a scoreless first half the deadlock was broken in the 80th minute when Canberra's Tony Brennan crossed from the left flank and found Don McLaren unmarked.

MacLaren rounded a defender and sent slickers goal keeper Todd Clarke the wrong way with a close-range ground shot. The game was put beyond doubt nine minutes from full time when Cant's back pass caught Clarke unawares and floated into the net.

Hellas twice hits back from behind

Newcastle 2 SM-Hellas 2

Scorers: Redfern 2, Koussas (SO); Jankovic, Calderan (M). Ground: Marconi Stadium. MARCONI: Maher 5, Bozanic 7, Prskalo 7, Calderan 7, Budini 6, Henderson 5 (Picleone 74'), Letic 6, Silva 6, Hunter 7, Jankovic 7, Licata 6. SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Wilson 7, Rogers 6, Ziras 7, Rowden 7, Scott 7, Raskopoulos 8, Katholos 8, Phillips 8, Redfern 8, Koussas 6, Jennings 6.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 8 - Curran 6, Snodden 7, Smythe 7, Treddinnick 6 - McClelland 7, Dooley 6, Mason 6 - Gemmell 7, Lewis 6, Jones 6. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Leumets 8 - Nicolaidis 6, Xanthopoulos 7, Blair 7, Lutton 6 - Stevenson 6, Shirra 6, Campbell 6 - Egan 8, Evans 6, Buljevic 6.

Newcastle disappointed its home fans in drawing 2-2 with South Melbourne Hellas.

The result was Newcastle's third draw of the season but should have been recorded as a victory after it led twice in the second half.

Newcastle, after a scoreless first half, came alive in the second term to bewilder the South Melbourne defence with a determined display led by winger Brett Gemmell.

Gemmell was instrumental in both of Newcastle's goals, scoring the first in the 54th minute and creating the second in the 78th.

Gemmell's goal came from a run on the right which resulted in a loose ball in the penalty area that the 19 year old followed up to push past South Melbourne goal-keeper Peter Laumets for his first goal of the 1982 season.

South Melbourne Hellas equalised in the 75th minute when a poor clearance from a



Joe Lanzoni

cross by striker Charlie Egan fell in the penalty area to mid-fielder John Stevenson for the nuggety Scotman to drive home a chance from 12 metres.

Gemmell figured again three minutes later in the most imaginative play of the afternoon which led to Newcastle's second goal.

He received the ball on the right, exchanged passes with Garie Dooley and David Jones before crossing to the far post where mid-fielder Malcolm McClelland had no trouble heading in Newcastle's second goal.

Newcastle should have held out for a win but a dreadful clearance by stopper Trevor Smyth gave South Melbourne's Branko Buljevic the chance to run down the clearance, carry the ball into the penalty area before laying off to Charlie Egan to blast home from point blank range.

It gave Hellas a valuable point at Newcastle but dismayed the Newcastle camp which was hopeful of securing a win.

The point gives Newcastle its fifth in the PSL this year from a possible 18 and leaves the club in trouble near the bottom of the PSL table.

St George 2 Makedonia 0

St GEORGE: M. Fraser 8, D. Skeen 8, R. O'Shea 7, M. Barton 7, D. Redcliffe 7, H. O'Shea 7, R. Slater 7, P. Stone 8, P. Wilkinson 7, J. O'Shea 7, D. Marton 9 (Griffiths 87th).

MAKEDONIA: R. Wilson 7, G. Fox 6, S. Bosch 7, D. Brown 6, P. Boyle 7, A. Whitby 7, R. Cullen 8, R. Flavell 7, G. McMillan 6, L. Petrovski 8, G. Ward 7 (Ollerton 68th). Crowd: 3,258.

Referee: Gary Power 7. Ground: St George Stadium. Scorers: Barton (4th), J. O'Shea (75th).

The scoreline at the finish should have read Preston 4 St George 2, but only official goals count so St George grabbed two points because they put the ball away twice.

Preston dismissed the 'defensive' tag they have been stuck with for away games by launching into open, attacking football for the entire 90 minutes and only the wayward boots of Gary Ward and

Robbie Cullen cost them the match.

Ward and Cullen shared four unbelievable open chances, and managed to knock each shot wide or over the bar.

St George wasted no times getting into the action and were in the lead after four minutes. Der Marton, the best player for the day, tantalised his way along the right wing and crossed perfectly to Mark Barton who neatly headed past NZ keeper Richard Wilson.

Marton struck again in the 23rd minute and 28th minutes with those pinpoint crosses but Wilson kept the finishing touches out. Preston's first big chance to equalise came in the 33rd minute when Ward smashed a direct shot at St George keeper Mike Fraser and the ball rebounded to Cullen eight metres from the goal. He missed it completely.

Five minutes later it was Ward's turn with Fraser out of position but the simple header

glanced on to the upright and was scrambled away for a corner.

St George had taken charge of the first half, with David Skeen and Peter Stone pushing the ball to Marton and Barton, who were carving holes in the midfield.

Ljube Petrovski carried Preston into attack in the second half in an opening five minutes which had Fraser tipping out a drive and three consecutive corners, and culminated with Ward facing another empty goal only to blow the ball high over the bar.

St George's forgotten striker, Paul Wilkinson, who had been laying off some excellent passes unselfishly, had his chance in the 60th minute but his header went straight to Wilson.

It looked like being 1-1 five minutes later when Cullen latched on to a pass, rounded Skeen, drew Fraser out of goal and then sailed around him with the open net a mere five

metres away. He sliced the ball to the right of the post with a look of utter disbelief on his face.

After that St George just had to win and in the 75th minute John O'Shea sealed the match, thanks to another piece of generosity from Preston.

Marton took a corner from the left and the long ball went to the far corner of the goal area where George McMillan tried to head it clear. Instead, he headed it into the goal area where O'Shea merely had to touch it over the line.

St George coach Frank Ark was quite relieved after it was all over.

"Preston are a very capable side, who played open, attacking football. I thought Cullen was their danger man, but can't believe how they missed so many from so close."

St George players made a special presentation to each member of the Preston team before play started to mark the first occasion of the two teams meeting in the League.

Mitchell's absence hits Adelaide City hard

Bris. Lions 2 Adel. City 0

Scorer: Millman 4th, 44th. Crowd: 3100. Ground: Olympic Sports Field.

Cautions: Northcote (City); Burns (Lions). Referee: Jim Rossie 9.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally 7 - Russell 6 (Rankin 46th, 61), B. Nyskohus 8, Flinders 7, Dods 7 - Motta 6, Benfield 7, Marocchi 6 - Nyskohus 7, Northcote 7, Villani 7.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lowndes 8 - McKinnim 7, Forrie 8, Bennett 8, Niven 7, MacLennan 7 (Low 78th), Burns 7, Hogg 8 - Williamson 7, Daunt 7, Millman 8.

Adelaide City lost this game three days before when David Mitchell was transferred to Sydney City.

Without the big striker City hardly posed any problems to Brisbane Lions which struck twice in the first half and then relaxed after half time.

Mitchell's loss must be covered soon if City is to save this season. But the club will be hard



Meno Toutsidis

pressed to find an adequate replacement.

He not only scored three goals from a handful of games and laid on at least three others, but invariably brought players into the game.

This on-field inspiration was missing against Lions which did not play particularly well, but good enough to secure both points.

Ron Millman gave Lions a dream start when he had the simple task of heading in a lob by Steve Hogg who had beaten City goalkeeper Willie McNally to a long, bouncing ball.

The Lions defence was called on to perform some cleaning up operations on the edge of the penalty on a few occasions, but goalkeeper

Nigel Lowndes, for most of the first half, soaked up the sun without worrying about such mundane things like keeping his goals intact.

The only occasion he was kept on his toes was when Glen Dods, City's best player, surged forward from midfield to strike a sparkling shot just wide of target.

Millman put Lions two goals ahead when he pounced on a rebound from a Calvin Daunt shot and whipped it past McNally seconds before half time.

Two goals have made Millman the club's leading scorer since the PSL kicked-off in 1977.

He has 19 goals, including six for the season, while Alan Hughes, now with Leichhardt, netted 15 goals in his time with the club, and Billy Williamson has 14 goals.

The second half was played at a leisurely pace and the players showed as much interest as the fans.

Only in the final 10 minutes did City force the pace with John Nyskohus testing Lowndes with a superb shot

after a Gary Marocchi free kick had been blocked.

Earlier Brian Northcote struck a fine volley from the edge of the penalty area but Lowndes did well to stop it.

The defeat has now cast big doubts on the future of City coach Bob D'Ottavi who has guided City to its worst start in the PSL.

But City president Lou Raveli said in the club's program that D'Ottavi would remain as coach until the end of the season.

There is a such worry in the Brisbane Lions camp. The club is entrenched in the upper half of the league and if it continues to show good away form it may well be knocking on the door of the top four at the end of the season.

Lions defence, with Col Bennett again in supreme form, was almost impregnable, though City's attack of course lacked bite.

The midfield performed well with Steve Hogg involved in many of Lions attacks. Indeed, Lions played well as a unit and coach Matt Gilroy understandably had a wide smile after the match.

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Stefancic and Lujic clash, Kovac back?

Foots JUST 2 West Adel 2

Scorers: JUST: Kojic 55th, Ilioski 65th; WA: Honeyman 66th, Santrac 67th.
Venue: Schintler Reserve.
Crowd: About 2000.
Cautions: Honeyman (WA), Hazabent (JUST), Jovanovic (JUST), McGachoy (WA).
Referee: David Yelland 7.
FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland 7 - Milina 7, O'Reilly 8, Kendaris 7, Hazabent 7, 34th, 6, Ilioski 8, Jovanovic 7 - Kojic 6, Simic 6, Lujic 8.
WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook 7 - McGregor 7, McGachoy 8, Dunn (injured, sub. Brennan 7, 34th), Totikas 7 - Honeyman 8, Booth 8, Doornie 7 - Heys 7, Brown 6, Santrac 6.

The final round of the battle of Schintler Reserve was fought in the JUST dressing room between club president Steve Stefancic and star forward Zdravko Lujic.

If JUST showed defensive lapses in allowing West Adel-

aide to fight back after being two goals down, so did Stefancic. You've got to be tight under pressure, you've got to cover up in the clinches.

Stefancic was one of at least two - possibly four casualties in this game.

West Adelaide centre back Robbie Dunn suffered a suspected broken ankle early in the game and Stefancic's eye went up like a balloon.

Coach Peter Jaksa was so disgusted by the dressing room affair that it was rumored he may not return. And Lujic was told, understandably, by Stefancic, to go and look for a new club.

Meanwhile, West Adelaide goalkeeper Martyn Crook, angry at the equally angry crowd outside the rooms, re-



Larrie Schwab

tallied by throwing a container of water over them.

The JUST committee meeting tonight (Wednesday) should be just as action-packed. Perhaps it should be included in the weekend PSL round.

What's the betting about former president Tony Kovac perhaps returning? The club certainly appears to need his stabilising influence.



Flying Wollongong winger Phil O'Connor (left) turns quickly past Heidelberg defender Don MacLeod.

play and Ken Taylor was sent into the fray in place of an unusually quiet Rooney.

But the addition of men in attack only congested matters up front and it became harder to create chances.

Don MacLeod did force Natch Vardareff into a fine save but it was Wollongong on the break which looked the more dangerous.

So it came as no surprise when the Wolves sealed their victory with a breakthrough three minutes from the end.

Roy Cotton latched onto a clearance, made ground down the centre and with only MacLeod to beat, taunted the defender before releasing the ball to O'Connor for the winger to finish the move with a shot underneath Oliver for the second goal.

And the team desperately needs forwards.

Vlado Pijepeljic, who played for Red Star Belgrade for two and a half seasons and who lately has been with Rad of Belgrade in the Second Division, may solve the problem if he arrives, as expected, this week.

Jaksa was also talking, before the fracas, about signing Mendo Ristovski from Juventus, and about a young Victorian who "could become one of the best players in Australia."

Was Jaksa talking about Vlado Bozinski from Slavia? Meanwhile, that accomplished State team striker Carl Gilder remains on the transfer-list of Melbourne Croatia.

West Adelaide coach Alan Vest went back home smiling after escaping defeat with two goals, by Graham Honeyman and Adrian Santrac. In the two minutes after Zoran Ilioski had put JUST two-up.

Jaksa was fuming because his team had thrown away what appeared to be JUST's first victory of the season.

He felt that had the other forwards or one of the midfielders got onto the end of the square balls provided by Lujic, JUST could have won by six goals.

As it was, the draw left JUST at the bottom of the ladder, with a tough game against APIA coming up in Sydney this Sunday.

West Adelaide now had Dunn out of the team, but his replacement, Mick Brennan, played well as stopper and looks capable of doing the job during Dunn's absence.

Luckily, Steve Sumner returns this week, but he'll be of use only until he goes to Spain with the New Zealand national team early next month.

JUST started with an all-out attacking attitude that pushed West Adelaide into defence for most of the first half.

To compensate for the weaknesses in attack, Jaksa had centre back Jim Kondarios pushing up into the penalty box for all the corners - there were eight in the first 15 minutes - and free kicks.

The match was held up for 10 minutes while officials searched in vain for a stretcher on which to carry off Dunn after he had landed awkwardly. The officials arrived finally, not with a stretcher, but with the masseur's bench. It was too late, though, as Dunn's team mates were by now carrying him off themselves.

Jim O'Reilly, once again one of JUST's best players, prevented what appeared to be a certain goal when he headed off the line a good attempt by Honeyman just before half time.

But if Honeyman was unlucky, so too was Kondarios who headed against the crossbar just after the interval, and put his follow-up header into the arms of goalkeeper Martyn Crook.

But JUST's pressure paid off in the 55th minute when Ilioski and Lujic combined well down the left and Milan Kojic - in for injured Bruno Cozzella - tapped Lujic's square ball into the net.

JUST keeper Dennis Boland preserved that lead with a remarkable save from a close-range shot by Alan Booth before JUST went two goals ahead 10 minutes later.

Lujic controlled a long ball just over the half line and waited until support came, in the form of Ilioski. Lujic then

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Wollongong defender Jeff Alnsworth often was first to the ball at Olympic Park on Sunday. Heidelberg's ace striker Gary Cole (right) is the player in pursuit. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

FANS, GOALS BOTH RARE FOR BERGERS

Heidelberg 0 Wollongong 2

Scorers: Cotton 24th, O'Connor 87th.
Venue: Olympic Park.
Crowd: 2000 (estimated).
Referee: Evan Vanios 9.
Cautions: Gaffney, Cotton.
HEIDELBERG: Oliver 7, McMillan 7, Yzendoorn 7, MacLeod 7, Yankas 7; Rooney 6 (Taylor 65th), Solemidis 6, Campbell 6; Paton 6, Colo 6, Boziskas 6.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff 8; Dunleavy 7, Vilestra 8, Alnsworth 7, Bertogna 7; Fleming 6 (Gaffney 37th), Adam 8, Treddinnick 7, O'Connor 6, Fontana 6, Cotton 8.

Somewhere along the line Heidelberg has lost its goal sense and coach Len McKendry must do something drastic to rediscover it if he doesn't want his side playing to empty terraces at the club's new headquarters in the coming weeks.

Already the Heidelberg following is dwindling fast with Sunday's sad exit from Olympic Park witnessed by no more than 2000 supporters.

Defence a worry for Wallace

Bris. City 1 APIA 1

Scorers: Palinkas 13th (BC), Bohan o.g. 18th.
Venue: Spencer Park.
Crowd: 2600.
Referee: Col Amos 6.
Cautions: Hamilton 62nd, Dunne 70th (BC).

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 9, McVeigh 7, Dunne 8, Liddell 7, Vincenzino 7, Bohan 8, Pimblett 9, Hamilton 8, Conner 8, Glockner 7, Palinkas 7.

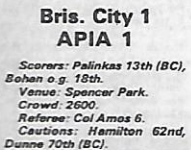
APIA: Woodhouse 7, Skellern 7, McAusland 7, Pullen 8, Bradley 9, Gray 7, Burrows 8, McBrean 8, Soper 6 (Morsello 72nd), Butler 7, Giampolo 7. Goals have put APIA on top of the table but it is fast approaching the time when coach Willie Wallace takes a serious look at his defence.

Several cracks began to appear in the 1-1 draw with Brisbane City at Spencer Park last weekend. The biggest was the number of balls goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse failed to take clearly but the more alarming was APIA's susceptibility down the flanks.

Brisbane City, using the speed of its forwards and some intelligent cross balls, highlighted the slowness in turning

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Ricky Rosso

and recovering of many of the APIA defence.

The first goal, in the 13th minute, was a typical example. APIA had pushed well into the City half, capitalising on a great start in which it had two good scoring chances, when young City fullback David Vincenzino played a long ball from just outside his own penalty box.

The APIA defence was secure and just inside its own half and when Joe Palinkas ran onto the through ball, it simply just couldn't catch him.

The former JUST player took the ball to the edge of the box and despite Woodhouse coming out to narrow the angle, he still found space to knock a weak shot into the far corner. The ball only rolled

into the net yet there was not an APIA defender within yards of getting anywhere near it in an attempt to save.

That was the first time City exploited the APIA defence and although it did it again a number of times later in the match, the visitors were not punished as harshly as they should have been because of missed chances, particularly by young striker Steve Glockner, who lost his confidence and control as a result of some tough marking by big Mark Pullen.

But Wallace should ask, in particular Rod Skellern and Ian Gray, the reason why they were caught so many times by a midfielder pushing a ball behind them which was then picked up by Palinkas, Willie Conner, Bobby Hamilton or John McVeigh overlapping on the outside.

City also failed to capitalise more on the work it had done after beating the fullbacks. Players immediately crossed rather than taking the ball to the by-line where a much more dangerous ball could have been played.

But in the light of the criticism I am not advocating sweeping changes in the APIA defence as the players concerned can hold their own in top company, but it appears they are only at their best when play is coming at them.

They need Peter Wilson, who is out injured, or a player like him, to avoid squariness across the back and to keep a stern control on defenders who tend to wander too far forward.

While it is easy to criticise, it would be unfair not to give APIA credit where it is due and its open, attacking manner made for the most enter-

taining match in Brisbane this season.

Despite the attack being somewhat blunted due to an off-day for Marshall Soper, who was carrying a shoulder injury and was almost left out of the line-up by Wallace, APIA's midfield compensated.

John Bradley, McBrean and Burrows all worked hard at attacking the City goal and it was an 18th minute shot from Bradley which deflected off Bevan Bohan to give APIA the equaliser.

Bradley also headed into the net in the second half but the goal disallowed when a linesman ruled there had been elbowing by an APIA player during the challenge. McBrean was unlucky not to score when he brilliantly hit a shot with his back to the net then turned in watch it clip the top of the crossbar.

But take nothing away from Brisbane City, which thoroughly deserved its point and great attempts from Bohan, Hamilton, Pimblett and Glockner nearly gave it two.

Its performance was in complete contrast to the previous game when it had a poor showing from Sydney City to thank for the win rather than its own good play.

Big keeper Kim Wishart made some outstanding reflex saves and Frank Pimblett marshalled everything through the middle and has added a new facet to his game - shooting power. The talented midfielder always has been a good player but his biggest failing was he always has been goal-shy. But that seems to have changed and don't be surprised if at the end of the season Pimblett is among the team's highest scorers.



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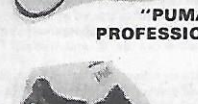
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Carrizo sparks Croatia victory

By Alex Vesic

Last year's State League premiers, Croatia, completely outplayed Sydney Olympic, the glamor side of this year's PSL competition, to win their Ampol Cup quarter-final contest at Marconi Stadium last Wednesday night.

Raul Carrizo, the star of Marconi in its inaugural PSF year, returned to the Marconi ground, this time as a Croatia player to spearhead his team to a well-deserved victory.

His interception of a back pass by Andy Scott in the 67th minute was typical of every effort all his team mates put on that night. His execution of a chance was reminiscent of the days when Carrizo was one of the best in the country.

Olympic, minus Jennings and Raskopoulos, had no answer to Croatia's tenacity and enthusiasm, and with the exception of the last 20 minutes, they were always going to lose.

In the other quarter-final game, St George, minus eight first graders, easily defeated Melita Eagles by three goals to nil, with Paul Wilkinson one of the first graders, scoring two superb goals and Dennis Duarte one.

Next time the Ampol Cup saga will continue at Marconi Stadium, with Marconi playing St George in one semi-final and Croatia playing Blacktown in the other. This will ensure a place for a State League club in the final.

Croatia 1 Sydney Olympic 0

Score: Raul Carrizo
Crowd: 3160
Referee: Brian Fowler
CROATIA: Watson, Woods, L. Storry, Coleman, Vidice, G. Storry, Tony Rezo, Saver, Carrizo, Coyne, David Rezo.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meler, Rogers, Scott, Rowden, Zina, Wilson, Radford, (Akouas 68'), Phillips, Koussas, Ketholos, Gavin (Townsend 60').

There were cries of "we wuz robbed" after this quarter-final battle ended at Marconi Stadium. Chris Townsend appeared to have scored a perfectly good goal, but the referee, Brian Fowler disallowed

it for offside by another player, from Olympic. In fact the player was on the ground, hurt and unable to move, but the referee decided that he was interfering with play and that was it.

With four minutes of the game remaining it was Storry, Croatia's saviour at the back, who lunged at the ball on the goal line to kick an overhead against the crossbar and out to safety. There were claims that the ball had crossed the line and even ones which suggested that the ball had hit the net and bounced out. I went to Marconi's ground the following day to conduct an experiment and tried desperately to get the ball to bounce out of the net with no luck at all.

So much for that argument! Still, all credit to those who admitted that Olympic played badly and deserved to lose. For that is a fair description of this quarter-final.

Olympic missed Raskopoulos and Jennings, but Croatia looked completely decimated in comparison with Olympic. They had no less than SIX INJURED players unable to play in this match. Missing were Tomasovic, Steven, M. Kovacic, Hensman, Trenter and Pagano.

However, led by Kevin Coleman, Croatia excelled to dominate proceedings with some very tight "man to man marking" and some very fast counter attacking football.

Wally Saver almost put Croatia in to the lead after seven minutes after rounding Wilson on the edge of the box, but the final shot skipped past the post.

Then came the evergreen Raul Carrizo. In the 13th minute he pinched the ball from Ziras, then raced into the area to face Meler before blasting the ball over the bar. Two minutes later Carrizo was in the action again, pinching the



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the right, floated the ball, over to the far post, but Andy Scott failed to control the ball and it bounced harmlessly into the keeper's arms.

With ten minutes to go all hell broke loose as Olympic "scored" through Chris Townsend. The ball entered the net from an acute angle on the left hand side with an Olympic player sprawled on the ground injured in an off-side position but away from the action, or as the good book says, "not interfering to gain an advantage".

However, the goal was disallowed. Townsend unleashed the

ball from another defender, then placing it in the path of David Rezo whose first-time was beautifully saved by Meler.

In the 18th minute yet another fast break by Carrizo. He made room for Tony Rezo before pushing a through ball in front of his team mate. However, with Meler to beat Rezo shot past the post.

With half an hour gone, Tony Rezo's centre was headed just over the bar by Kevin Coleman, much to the delight of Olympic's keeper.

In the meantime, Olympic did not launch a single shot at Watson at the other end.

As soon as the game restarted, Croatia had yet another sinner. Rogers' back pass to Meler was intercepted by Dave Rezo, who quickly found Carrizo some 12 metres from goal. Carrizo could have scored but decided to push it to his right for Tony Rezo, but alas, the youngster whipped with his right foot, MISSING the ball.

After 67 minutes, Carrizo made amends for some earlier misses by intercepting an Andy Scott back pass to round Meler before hitting an empty net. Minutes earlier Meler was called upon to make yet another great save from Tony Rezo, but this time the tall keeper was helpless while Andy Scott held his hands to his face in disgust.

Sydney Olympic came back strongly in the last 20 minutes of the game and appeared to have the edge on their opponent. It sounds incredible that a team like Olympic would produce its first shot at goal in the 61 minute.

This first shot by Olympic came from Peter Ketholos, but Watson made a good save. With 15 minutes remaining, Ketholos took a free kick from

best drive of the match some two minutes later but Watson, yet again, made a miraculous save to keep Olympic out.

Then came yet another controversy, with Storry's clearance from the goal line. This tall defender lunged at the ball which appeared destined to bounce over the line to hit an overhead kick against the crossbar and out.

St George 3 Melita Eagles 0

Score: Wilkinson 2, Duarte 1
Crowd: 3160
Referee: Gary Fowler
ST GEORGE: Greedy, Sheen, Terry, J. O'Shea, McDonald,

Duarte, Davies, Rylands, Wilkinson, (Martin 70'), Campbell, Griffin
MELITA EAGLES: McPherson, Ankudinoff, Daley, Botolico, R. McPherson, (Paton 70'), Farrugia (Martinez 70'), Williams, Jamieson, Vial, Cross, Budini.

From the moment Duarte scored in the second minute Melita looked doomed to lose against an under strength St George side. No less than seven regular first graders were missing, including two O'Shea brothers, Stone, Fraser, Ratcliffe, Barton and Martin (who came on for Wilkinson in the last 14 minutes).

Melita could have equalised in the 23rd minute after Richie Williams robbed Rylands, then raced into the area before hitting a low cross which flew across the goals and straight through the legs of Mike Cross, who was only two metres away from the line.

St George appeared more positive and a metre faster than their opponents. Whilst they held territorial advantage during the first half, their second half effort was even better.

Slowly but surely they had Melita pinned back. Wilkinson at the post with his header following a corner kick in the 55 minute, then the same player scored two quick goals in the space of three minutes.

Campbell was impeded in the 73 minute just outside the area and Salts were awarded a free kick. John O'Shea touched the ball for Paul Wilkinson to slam a low drive which sneaked inside the near post for Salts to go into a 2-0 lead.

Three minutes later it was the St George Salts who capitalised on some good work by Billy Griffith.

DAILY MAINTAINS ITS FINE REPUTATION

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

| NSW STATE LEAGUE | |
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| Round 5 | |
| MELITA EAGLES - AU-BURN 1-1, Holloway (A), Williams (ME). | |
| ROCKDALE ILINDEN - AVALA 2-0, Youseph, Sultana. | |
| MANLY WARRINGAH - YUGAL 5-0, Noble 2, Doyle, Stuart, Smith. | |
| BLACKTOWN - SUTHERLAND 2-1, Kirwan, Jones (BD), Hasford (S). | |
| RIVERWOOD - BANKSTOWN 3-2, Parker, Jones, Walker (R), Sirett, Nocera (B). | |
| CROATIA - JM UNITED 2-0, Carrizo 2. | |
| CANTERBURY - POLONIA 0-0. | |
| Top scorers: | |
| 5. Sultana (RI). | |
| 4. Lembryk (Av), Kirwan (BD), Regan (MW), Jones, Walker (R). | |
| 3. Nocera (B), Jones (BD), R. Brown (CM), Stuart, Noble (MW), Williams, Farrugia, Budini (ME). | |

Rockdale 2 Avala 0

Score: Youseph, Sultana.
AVALA: Ahrens, D. Brown, G. Milne, Barton, Deller, Williams, Komor, Patterson (sent off 25'), Lendy, Djuricic, Karanfilovski.

Avala looked a better side in the opening quarter of an hour but fell back after 18 minutes following a good goal by Youseph. A little later Eddie Patterson was sent off for a foul on Sultana and Avala were as good as beaten.

Steve Lalic decided to pull John Lebray away from the forward line and adopt a defensive attitude, but with seven minutes remaining Rockdale scored its second goal through Sultana to cement its second State League victory.

Over 1000 people at St. George Stadium were treated to some good soccer and it was unfortunate that some of the players decided to rough it up. Pivovski of Rockdale and Barton and Brown of Avala got their yellow cards while Eddie Patterson received a red card in a somewhat spiteful game.

Blacktown 2 Sutherland 1

Score: Kirwan, Jones (BD), Hasford.
BLACKTOWN: Freeman, Rasmussen (Pinter 20'), Quernby, Brogan, Whalley, Selva, Houslain, Kratic (Schindler 70'), Jones, Johnstone, Kirwan.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes, Hasford, Cashman, Harrington, Wilson, Schindler, Schindler, Webster, Madras, Grooms, T. Bush, Murphy (Hitchin).

An uninspired encounter at the Gable saw Blacktown Demons take two points thanks to two fine second half goals by Kirwan and Jones to keep close to the leaders in the State League.

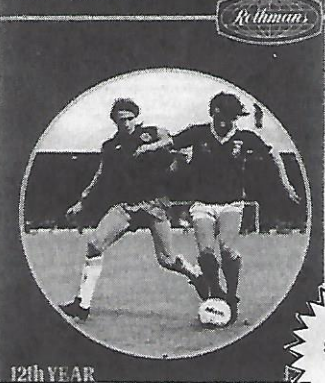
Sutherland appeared to have the better of play during the first half, but should have been a goal down after 25 minutes. Stuart Johnstone missed with his penalty kick, letting the Sharks off the hook.

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Manly 5 Yugal 0

Score: Noble 2, Doyle, Stuart, T. Smith.
MANLY: Ellis, K. Falconer, Doyle, Dick, Gospehan, Noble, Lock, P. Falconer, T. Smith (65'), Van Heiden, Regan, Stuart.

YUGAL: Barry, Rendell, Dinley, McIntosh, Augustino, Stanning, Mihajlovic, Travlin (66' Cunningham), Rodas (72' Pator), Rokoderos, Tanovski.

The game opened at a furious pace with Yugal on top controlling the midfield and looking the more likely side to score first. They had Manly back pedalling and forcing a few corner kicks, before Manly scored against the run of play.

It was from the first corner kick by Manly, taken by Peter Falconer, that Manly scored.

Regan met Falconer's corner to hit the crossbar, and Doyle picked up the rebound to score.

Yugal continued to attack and almost scored in the 23rd minute when David Travlin rounded Geoghean, then unleashed a powerful drive which beat Ellis but hit the underside of the crossbar and went out.

While Yugal attacked, their defence seemed vulnerable and in the 36th minute Manly exploited a huge gap in the middle of that defence to score.

A clearance from Manly's defence was well controlled by Terry Smith before a pinpoint pass was delivered for Gary Noble to run onto and score. With three minutes remaining

in this half a replica of the second goal was produced with the actors this time different. It was Stuart Regan who held the ball before delivering a telling pass to Robbie Stuart and the rest was so easy — just a goal to beat from close range.

Yugal continued their attempts to break through Manly's defence through the middle with very little success, while every attack by Manly through this shaky Yugal defence looked likely to produce a goal.

In the 54th minute Terry Smith made it 4-0 from a goal-mouth scrimmage, then Gary Noble made it 5-0 with a fine header following a good run by the New Zealand youth player John van Heiden.

Regionalisation seems certain

My letter this week comes from Trevor James who asks: 1. Do you think that the increase in the size of the State and Metropolitan Leagues will benefit soccer? 2. Could 1983 see the regionalisation in the National League, even if Phillips continues its support of soccer? 3. Is it true that the 1983 soccer season will be covered by commercial television?

In answer to your first question, Trevor, let me say that the increase from 12 to 14 teams effects the Provisional League as well as the State and Metropolitan Leagues.

I think there are pros and cons to this change. Firstly it obviously means more teams and more games. This can be good or bad depending on your views. To me it doesn't seem such a good idea because it means our dwindling numbers of supporters will be stretched even further and financially many of our clubs cannot afford this.

It also means an extra drain on referees. Unfortunately there just aren't enough good ones to go around. Let me say that I sympathise with referees. There is not a happy lot in everyone's eyes. On many occasions they are escorted from the field to save them from the wrath of angry

supporters, yet these men appear weak in week out, the masochists that they are.

Having said that I think the standard of refereeing needs an almighty shot in the arm. I have witnessed three or four metropolitan league games this year and in two of these games the refereeing was a joke. This takes away from the games.

On the plus side the V.S.F. has used the reshuffle to advance teams like Morwell Falcons. This is a plus for Victorian soccer because we need clubs with the Falcons' go ahead spirit. Their facilities at Morwell are second to none and their club rooms are tremendous.

Also on the plus side is the fact that more teams means more places for our youngsters to aim for. This is very important. Our future win

GARY COLE

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progress into teenagers used to see that they have a chance of a place in the senior sides.

If they don't see a chance then so many of them give the game away at 15 or 16. There are definitely points for and against, but at a time when soccer world wide — not just here in Australia — is struggling it seems ridiculous to increase the number of teams playing, which only heightens the problems being faced here and elsewhere.

In answer to the second question I would say, yes, 1983 could well see the regionalisation of the National League. The costs involved in staging the league are enormous, mainly due to airfares, and Phillips have already stated that they won't increase their

sponsorship which means that another large sponsor needs to be found.

Regionalisation then seems the answer with national play-offs at the end of the season. How the regions will be divided and what other teams may be involved is the topic for another article.

It has been rumoured for some time that 1983 will see a commercial T.V. station covering the National League. I don't know if this is true or not, but if it is it could well be the National League's saviour. Phillips may be inclined to stay in and increase their sponsorship if they can see rewards in advertising. If they don't I'm sure another large company will.

I wonder what channel will take on the task. I remember a few years ago when Kerry Packer's channel 9 wanted to cover the soccer but the A.S.F. had no money, apparently because Mr Packer wanted too much control over the game. However if it is Mr Packer who is interested then I hope we don't let him get away again.

Regardless of whether you are a purist or a rebel and love or hate World Series Cricket one thing cannot be denied — the coverage of the game is superb. That type of professionalism and promotion could well be the shot in the arm that the game of soccer needs.



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Croatia, Juventus battle for State League Supremacy

Latif deadly, Kokoska returns



Croatia's brilliant forward David Brogan.

Juventus will win

By **BERNIE SANTAMARIA**, Juventus president

This game is very decisive for the title prospects of both clubs.

I see Juventus, Green Gully Ajax, Croatia, Sunshine and Hellas-Hakoah as the best teams in the State League.

Getting to the top will entice the Italian community to get back behind the club just like in the glory days of the old Juventus.

I think we'll beat Croatia. I recognise that Croatia is a fine team but at the end of the day I think we'll be successful.

The key to our side this year is team spirit. The enthusiasm among the players is tremendous. Take Paddy Bannon for example. He's running around like a 21 year old.

All of our players recognise the importance of what we are trying to do to rebuild Juventus. They are proud to be a part of the revival.

By **CRAIG MACKENZIE**

Can Juventus confirm the conjecture that it has been reborn as one of the forces of Victoria's State League when it tackles mighty Melbourne Croatia at Olympic Park's No. 1 ground on Sunday?

Yes. The black and whites can do it. But before the Italian soccer community gets carried away in the euphoria of recent weeks let me say quite clearly that I expect Croatia to edge out Juve on Sunday.

I believe though, that the intensity of competition and the closely fought nature of Sunday's showdown will irrevocably establish Juventus as a serious contender for championship glory in 1982.

Juve is back, and back with a bang. You'd better believe it! I'm still to be convinced that Croatia has recaptured the organisation and quality of possession play it displayed in the halcyon days of player-coach John Gardiner but it looks to have too many fine players to fail on Sunday.

Young Ossie Latif has about 7,000 reasons to make a name for himself in the State League.

I had my reservations about paying out big money for a teenager from the local scene but each week goes by I'm starting to realise that Latif potentially is one of the most explosive strikers in the game.

I expect him to make a major impact on the Victorian youth team at the national titles and it shouldn't be too long before PSL club presidents are ringing up Croatia boss Joe Sigur to have a chat about the former Kellera Austria striker.

Juventus has shown interest in signing Heidelberg stopper Bob Provan. It also made tentative enquiries to Hellas-Hakoah about big Anton Dosen.

As we went to press we believed that Peter Donaldson once again would line up at centre half for Juventus in Sydney's game. Donaldson did a fine job containing Green Gully Ajax spearhead Gus Macleod two weeks ago and could find himself given the job of taming David Brogan.

If so, it wouldn't surprise to see Frank Geramla given the huge task of tagging little Latif. Geramla stuck close to Ajax's elusive Gordon Wallace during Juve's memorable 2-1 win.

Steve Kokoska should be fit and raring to go. He's been absent from the Croatia line-up for two weeks but his presence could make or break Croatia on Sunday.

Big "Butch" is the ideal man to take care of either Graham French or former Heidelberg striker Joe McGrory. The Juventus pair won't beat Kokoska in the air, that's for sure.

It will be interesting to see whether Juventus coach Tony Boggi uses both French and McGrory. They seem too similar to play together. It's hard to envisage one being used as a target man and the other working off of him.

If both play up front then Boggi may use just three in midfield with Geramla and Donaldson as markers, and Paddy Bannon sweeping up.

Tony Curcio, bought from Juventus for about \$3,000 two weeks ago, suddenly finds himself pitted against his old club.

It's mere conjecture, because the Juventus camp is keeping tight lipped, but should Boggi use five at the back, three in midfield and two up front, then Curcio probably will run into the left flanking midfielder, Fabio Incantalupo.

The other possibility for Boggi probably would be to use his two fullbacks as markers for Brogan and Ken Murphy, put Donaldson onto Latif and use three in midfield and three up front.



Croatia's Steve Kokoska gets to the ball ahead of Justin Fashanu in a State game against Norwich City.

CROATIA HAS THE SKILL

By **JOE SIGUR**, Croatia president

This game between two undefeated teams should be close but if you go through our side, player by player, you will see that we are better than Juventus.

Juventus though has the experience. Croatia has the talent.

We have the players to do the job and I think we will beat Juventus.

I'm a bit worried about Steve Kokoska. I hope he's fit for Sunday.

We have a couple of star players not quite at their top. I'm talking about Jeff Faulkner and Kenny Murphy. These two are among the best players in the State League, no doubt about that and I'm sure that they will prove that on Sunday.

scoring every week and he has a tremendous shot. We must give him more of the ball.

It's not going to be easy against Juventus. They'll be keen to do well, especially against us but we can't afford to lose so early in the season. It's important for us to do well. We'll win.

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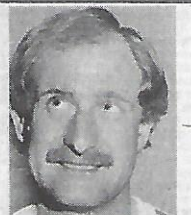
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Macleod back to face 'Cross

As Green Gully Ajax battles against time to shorten its injury least before Sunday's big Maltese derby against George Cross at St Albans it can take heart from the probable availability of bustling, aggressive striker Gus Macleod.

Macleod, sent off against Hellas-Hakoah at the weekend, served his automatic one-match suspension by missing Ajax's Dockerty Cup clash with Richmond on Monday. The VSF tribunal won't sit in judgement of whether or not Macleod deserves a longer suspension until next Wednesday night so the big man looks set to lead Ajax's assault on its arch enemy on Sunday.

The dressing room at Green Gully Reserve easily could double for a waiting room at a doctor's surgery. Talk about the walking wounded!



Gus Macleod

The State League champion has been hit by injury worries to an extent unequalled since its inclusion in the league in 1977.

Even though Macleod probably will play against George Cross he spent most of Sunday's game against Hellas-Hakoah hobbling about with a bad leg injury. He's a tough customer though and Ajax's committee and supporters are keeping their fingers crossed that one of their favorite sons



Bobby Toal

will make Sunday's starting line-up.

Coach Bobby McLachlan's problems are far from solved should Macleod play.

Sweeper John Gardiner is carrying a shoulder injury and won't be at peak fitness for another three weeks. He played against Hellas-Hakoah because of the club's other injury worries.

Gardiner carried a groin injury for about five weeks before injuring his shoulder recently.

Star recruit David Smallman still is nursing a badly bruised ankle, a legacy of his trip to Centenary Park three weeks ago.

Gordon Wallace is struggling to throw off a hamstring injury and midfielder Kit Grechan is making slow progress after a knee operation.

Wallace didn't play last Sunday. Grechan had a run in the reserves but still is sore once he cools down and is far from free in his running action.

Dashing striker Paul Lewis has been carrying an injury. He could train only lightly before last Sunday's game and a knock early in the game did little to ease the doubts over his injury.

George Cross looks like having a full squad from which to select its gladiators for Sunday's derby.

Cross is showing keen interest in a winger with a rival State League club but president Alf Zahra refused to reveal his name while tentative negotiations continue.

Tassie star turns down PSL

WALTER PLESS



Neil Thomas

Few players would turn down the chance of a trial with a Phillips League club. Neil Thomas, the 21-year-old Croatia-Glenorchy striker-cum-midfielder is one who did.

West Adelaide-Hellas offered Thomas a trial before the start of the season but he turned it down. "I've got too many ties here to do anything about it. I don't really want to go away. I couldn't see any point in going over for a trial if I wasn't prepared to go over if I was accepted." He is getting married in a few weeks' time and has just built a house. This partly may explain his decision.

Thomas's credentials are certainly good. He was Croatia's 'best and fairest' last season, and its top goalscorer. He was in the Tasmanian 'State of Origin' squad against South Mel-

bourne-Hellas and is in this year's squad for the game against the Australian Institute of Sport team.

Thomas represented Tasmania as a junior at all levels but soccer almost lost out to Australian Football and baseball. He represented Southern Tasmania in football and the State in baseball and was, at one time, considering concentrating on baseball.

He started playing senior soccer with South Hobart when only 14. He won two 'best and fairest' awards and usually was the club's top marksman. A transfer to White Eagles and a higher standard was almost inevitable but he wore the Polish club's colors for only a season. This year will be his third with Croatia.

Thomas admits to being difficult to motivate. "I need to be pushed. I can't go out and play against a mediocre team and put 100 per cent into the game. I've got to go out against a team of high standard and then I'll put everything in because then I've got a goal to aim for. Against a weaker side you tend not to put everything into the game."

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Holford back at last?

FRANKSTON 1 (Buchanan)
CROATIA 1 (Brogan)

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 9 - Whitelake 7, Stewart 8, Drinacovic 7, Pye 7 - Golly 6, Gonsalves 6 (Burrows 60th), Mitchell 6, Turill 6 - Buchanan 8, Wall 6.

CROATIA: Blazby 7 - Curcio 6, Paron 7, Adams 8, Blawie 7 - Balinovic 6 (Blakic 60th), Pauline 7, Murphy 7 - Letti 7, Brogan 7, Golevic 6 (Antolic 70th).

Frankston's dynamic little midfielder Carl Holford finally should return from the U.K. this week.

English recruit Pat O'Connor had his temporary visa approved and should follow not on Holford's heels.

On the local front Frankston continues its bid to win the services of midfielder Paul Cooke who is appealing against the transfer fee put on his head by Slavia.

And the Baysiders won their first point of the season against State League giant Melbourne Croatia.

Josip Bliskic and Jozo Antolovic, Croatia's new imports, came on as substitutes in the second half and it won't be long before they find themselves in the starting lineup.

Former Slavia defender David Pye was the man assigned by Frankston coach Harry Chalkitis as the marker for Croatia's Ossie Latis and Pye did the job.

The Baysiders hit the front in the 65th minute and Croatia coach Bill McArthur probably will work on how to organise and maintain a defensive wall at training this week.

Bill Buchanan prepared to take a free kick just outside the area. A Frankston player made an off-the-ball run which broke the Croatia wall enough for Buchanan to slam his free kick low through the wall and inside the far corner of goal.

Former Frankston Pines and Slavia player Colin Mitchell had a good chance a few minutes later to put Frankston two up but shot wide with only Peter Blasky to beat.

Three minutes from time Tony Curcio made a good run down the right and crossed low to the near post where Dave Brogan side-footed in his first time to give Croatia a point.

Hellas-Hakoah's blend of experienced former PSL player and exciting young prospects could reap rewards in Saturday's Greek derby against Northcote at Middle Park.

The Northerners still are searching for the combination which can take them up the table into a cosy middle of the ladder spot. Hellas-Hakoah has higher aspirations. Coach Jim Adam is eyeing a top four position.

Adam's biggest problem seems to be the lack of a top class target man for Duncan Cummings to work off.

Little Peter Abraham showed a ton of cheek and bags of skill last week against Green Gully Ajax while midfielder Tony Owen certainly is a youngster earmarked for success.

However Chris Kalifatidis, who started off against Ajax in mid-field, looked uncomfortable when he pushed up front after about 15 minutes of Sunday's rugged encounter.

Kalifatidis would do a great job defensively for Hellas-Hakoah and Duncan Cummings surely is needed up front rather than in the midfield role he fell back into last weekend.

The permutations to Hellas-Hakoah's line-up are almost endless as coach Adam has many versatile players in his squad and I'm confident that whatever combination he comes up with for Saturday's clash can run out victorious.

For the second successive season Northcote player-coach Jim Kiriatis shows a preference for sitting on the bench where he feels he better can gauge his team's performance.

I've got no doubts that Kiriatis could play a vital role on the field in Northcote's current outfit.

Kingwood Wilhelmina will be hoping that English striker Joe Carroll can add the vital finishing touches to its forward moves when it takes on visitor Albion Rovers at Jubilee Park on Saturday.

Wilhelmina currently is languishing on bottom spot in State League but I expect Mike de Bruyckere's late pick to play their first point of the season against Albion.

Morwell Falcons have a battle on their hands to beat Polonia at Raleigh Reserve on Sunday.

Polonia stopper Alex Marshall could nullify Richie McClunzie's aerial ability and Falcons right back Grant Smart will have a tough task shacking experienced Janusz Przybyla.

I'm going for a win to the home team.

Frankston City pulled off a minor shock last weekend when it almost grabbed both points away from second placed Croatia.

The Baysiders should have Carl Holford in Sunday's line-up against Sunshine at Chaplin Reserve.

The Shiners will be hoping for a return from suspension by talented winger Chris Taylor and joint coaches Ray Pocock and Steve Gaw will be trying this week to work out where their side went wrong in its dismal display against Albion Rovers on Saturday.

I'm sure that Pocock and Gaw will come up with the answers and I'm equally confident that Sunshine's aggression and commitment will just edge out Frankston on Sunday.

With no certainty I'm going for Doveton to win its first game of the season at Croydon's expense when they clash at Waratah Reserve on Sunday.

Jan Loughnane's return to form is the biggest threat to the Doves.

Macleod sent off, Lewis to Hellas?

HELLAS-HAKOAH 0 AJAX 1 (Paul, Lewis).

HELLAS-HAKOAH: Talgaris 8 - Davidson 7, Hanne 8, Jordan 6, Rooney 6 (Kalmachols 60th) - Owen 7, Wilson 6, Kalfelidis 6, Kalkantonis 7 (Webster 76th) - Abram 7, Cummings 6.

AJAX: Denys 7 - Peter Lewis 8, Gardiner 8, Cannell 7, G. Bennett 7 - Hogen 7, Vassallo 6, A. Bennett 6 - Paul Lewis 7, Macleod 6 (sent off 43rd), Williams 6.

Peter Lewis, Ajax's tall, aggressive right back, could have played himself into South Melbourne Hellas's PSL team with a sterling second half performance after Ajax was reduced to 10 men on Sunday.

Lewis was the subject of conversation when Ajax coach Bobby McLachlan and

Hellas supreme striker Janusz Przybyla were talking after Sunday's game at Middle Park.

Hellas definitely is interested in signing the former Sunshine and Albion defender, in an effort to plug a gap in its defence which has been a major headache this year.

It was Lewis who inspired team mates and supporters alike as he surged forward beating one Hellas-Hakoah opponent then another time and again in the second 45 minutes on Sunday.

The first stanza was a spiteful, ill-tempered affair.

Rugged Hellas-Hakoah stopper George Hennah fouled Gus Macleod from behind

in the 8th minute. Macleod limped throughout his remaining minute until, angry and frustrated, he swung his left arm at Hanne, missed, but was sent off by referee Balmbridge three minutes before the break.

Hellas-Hakoah's best chance fell to Kris Kalifatidis just after the interval when he ran through onto Duncan Cummings' skillfully curled through ball but lobbed both Lou Denys and the Ajax cross-bar.

Ajax's stirring second half effort was rewarded in the 81st minute when a quickly taken free kick put Jim Williams in possession. He spun around and played an inch perfect through ball for Paul Lewis to run onto and slam past Lou Talgaris from about eight metres.

Now you see it, now you don't. Sunshine players peel away from the ball after hiding it before a Rob Nelson free kick against Albion on Saturday. From left to right: Nelson (obscured), Norrie Pate, John Mudrinic (partly hidden), Steve Ellis, Roger Bain, Frank Mussel (obscured). Picture by LES SHORROCK.

SHINERS OUTSHONE

ALBION ROVERS 1 (Niabet pen), SUNSHINE CITY 1 (Pate).

ALBION ROVERS: Leacock 6, Cutler 6, Munro 6, Crony 6, Niabet 6, Ruddy 7, Forrie 7, McMillan 6, D'Sylva 6, Spiteri 6 (sub Coyle 62), Smart 7.

SUNSHINE: Contini 5, Campbell 6, Ellis 6, Grahnsberg 6, Lowe 7, Mussel 6, McNally 6, Nelson 5, Bain 6, Pate 6, Mudrinic 4 (sub Spiteri 40).

The meeting between these two bitter rivals and neighbours failed to live up to its pre-match expectations, especially where Sunshine was concerned.

Albion dominated from the start, but Sunshine took an undeserved lead in the 17th minute with a penalty. Norrie Pate crossed into the penalty box, Frank Munro pushed John McNally out of the way, and referee Sam Zoumas rightly pointed to the spot. Norrie Pate converted the spot-kick easily.

The goal didn't do much to revitalise Sunshine, and at half-time joint-coaches Ray Pocock and Steve Gaw replaced John Mudrinic with Andy Exposito.

Albion continued to domina-

te, but it wasn't the Blues' lucky day, with Bennie Ferrie hitting the crossbar, then Kieron Coyle, who had replaced Manny Spiteri, hitting the upright.

Coyle also missed another great opportunity to equalise, when after a great run by Ken Smart, he missed Smart's cross at close range.

But it all came right for Albion in the 87th minute, when Rob Nelson up-ended Garry Cutler in the box after

the right back had beaten two defenders pointless and was heading for goal. Bobby Nisbet scored from the spot, and for the last two minutes Sunshine was happy to hang on for the point.

After the game, Ray Pocock frankly admitted it was the worst his team had played for a long time, "since we last played Albion, in fact," he added, and then he locked the dressing room door and roasted his players over their attitude.

— LES SHORROCK

Potter, Provan for Juve?

JUVENTUS 3 (G. Bannan, Heery pen, Icantalupo) NORTHCOTE 1 (Fakos).

JUVENTUS: Clayton 6 - V. Bannan 7, P. Bannan 7, Donaldson 7, Hind 8 - Cunningham 7, G. Bannan 8, Swincoe 7, Heery 7, French 7, Icantalupo 7.

NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos 7 - Nelson 8, Bozitis 9, Petasas 7, C. Nisbet 7 - Fakos 7, Koukias 6, Kyriakidis 6 (Kokkios 17, 71, 80) - Sahinidis 5, Kokkios 5.

Juventus almost had finalised the signing of Heidelberg stopper Bob Provan and Croatia goalkeeper Steve Potter as we went to press.

Provan and Potter would bring Juve's list of recruits this year to nine. The three Bannan brothers, Gary Clayton, Kevin Swincoe, Graham French and Joe McGarry are the others.

Ged Bannan was the mid-field dynamo behind Juve's victory on Sunday.

He played a one-two with brother Paddy and surged past two opponents in the 27th minute then hammered a low shot past John Giannopoulos from just inside the Northcote area.

Just after the break Northcote should have levelled. Player-coach Jim Kiriatis replaced John Kyriakidis at half time past John Giannopoulos with Ulysses Kokkios then squared the ball to unmarked Jim Sahinidis. With the goal at his mercy Sahinidis tried to blast the ball in and shot wide.

Juve grabbed a two goal lead in the 72nd minute when Kevin Swincoe's line through ball set up Ged Bannan but George Bozitis brought the Juve midfielder down inside the area. Tony Heery converted from the penalty spot.

Fabio Icantalupo scored an uncharacteristic right foot goal in the 82nd minute with a fine shot from just outside the area.

Przybyla wins it

CROYDON 0 POLONIA 1 (Przybyla)

CROYDON: Edwards 8 - Brown 6, McCombe 6, G. Haupt 6, Hobson 6, Czapnik 7, Dobson 7, Wode 6 - P. Loughnane 6, I. Loughnane 7, Nolan 8.

POLONIA: Dziulakowski 8 - S. Klein 7, Marshall 6, A. Czapnik 7, P. Czapnik 6, Uliarski 6, P. Czapnik 6, Innes 7 - Lalic 6, Kryszinski 7, Przybyla 7.

Janusz Przybyla's superb shot from 20 metres which screamed past Croydon keeper Mick Edwards was enough to give visitor Polonia both points.

Croydon created plenty of chances but finished poorly. Terry Nolan, playing his best game since crossing from Preston Makedonia this season, failed twice to score in the first half. On both occasions he was inside the Polonia area but shot wide then wasted his second chance by shooting straight at tall Polonia custodian Leszek Dziulakowski.

Dziulakowski made a great reflex save from substitute Reno Lia in the 73rd minute. Lia replaced David Corke at half time. Corke was suffering from a hip injury.

Croydon coach Ken Kontra switched Paul Wade to the right side of midfield and played young Lia on the left.

Lia's header was destined for the back of the Polonia goal until Dziulakowski tipped it just over.

The goal drought at Croydon ended shortly. Ace striker Ian Loughnane is starting to look sharp once more but Kontra believes that a top flight target man would take a lot of pressure off Loughnane. Such a player is being sought right now but Kontra was unable to release any names.

Although disappointed with his team's inability to finish, Kontra had no complaints about Przybyla's cracking 65th minute goal.

"Brilliant goals like that can't be stopped," he said. "Polonia is a very well organised side and my old mate Kaz Kowalec seems to be doing a fine job there."

SATURDAY

Ringwood Wilhelmina v Albion Rovers at Jubilee Park, 2.45 pm.

Northcote v Hellas-Hakoah at John Cain Reserve, 2.45 pm.

SUNDAY

Doveton v Croydon at Waratah Reserve, 3 pm.

Ajax v George Cross at Green Gully Reserve, 3 pm.

Croatia v Juventus at Olympic Park No. 1, 3 pm.

Polonia v Morwell Falcons at Raleigh Reserve, 3 pm.

Sunshine v Frankston City at Chaplin Reserve, 3 pm.

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Mitten's amazing run continues

The amazing scoring record in the Dockerty Cup of Morwell Falcons striker Noel Mitten continued at Middle Park on Monday.

Mitten's goal gave Falcons a 1-0 victory against Hellas-Hakoah.

The former Irish youth international has scored in every Dockerty Cup game he has played in for the past three seasons!

His amazing scoring run started with Frankston City, lasted two seasons with Melbourne Croatia and has been continued with the Morwell club which signed him three weeks ago from Croatia for \$3,000.

Ossie Latif, signed by Croatia from Kellor Austria for \$7,000 earlier this season, hammered home four goals in Croatia's 4-0 drubbing of Metro Fourth Division Mornington.

George Cross got home 2-1 against Metro Third Division Sunbury thanks to Damien Morgan's winner in extra time.

The shock of the round was Metro First Division Frankston Pines convincing 4-0 defeat of State League Northcote at Pines' home ground.

McClunie outstanding

MORWELL FALCONS 3 (McClunie 2, J. van Baar) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1 (de Graaf).

FALCONS: Whiteside 8 — Smart 7, Higham 7, Irvine 7, Wilson 6 (Wade 10), Danley 7, O'Callaghan 6 — Mitten 6, McClunie 3 (in J. van Baar 80th), Perkins 6.

WILHELMINA: Barclay 6 — Peamen 6, de Graaf 7, Luyten 7, McDermott 8 — Street 6 (Burton 70th), Tront 8, Gibson 6 — Hayford 7, O'Reilly 6, Stewart 7.

Tall Falcons striker Richie McClunie stole the show at North Crinigan Reserve on Saturday, scoring two goals before being substituted for an injury incurred early in the game.

Wilhelmina failed badly in front of goal. The visitors had plenty first half chances. Perhaps the finishing problem will be solved by UK striker Joe Carroll, who is expected to arrive on Friday.

Falcons also have an import, midfielder Harold Bingham from Port Glasgow, due soon. He should be here within a fortnight.

The gangly McClunie was bought for a mere \$1,500 from Hellas Hakoah about three weeks ago and seems to have found a new lease of life with Falcons. He won just about everything in the air on Saturday and always was prepared to run at an opponent. Falcons'

Dowie, McCutcheon to join Doves in May

GEORGE CROSS 2 (McCann, T. Vella) DOVETON 1 (Thurlow)

GEORGE CROSS: Tachris 8 — Morgan 8, Lawson 9, McIlroy 7, McKelvey 7, T. Vella 7, McCann 7, Rigby 8 — Gamble 7, Tool 8 (Balsic 75th), Mizzi 8 (O'Neil 85th).

DOVETON: Ivanoff 7 — Thurlow 6, Corke 8, Merrick 8.

FIVE-WAY TIE

Ametco Travel is the sponsor of our prestigious State League Player of the Year award.

The winner will receive a trip to the 1983 English FA Cup final or the country of his choice in Europe, flying Thal International.

Three votes are awarded to the best player of each club in every State League game. These votes are awarded on the basis of "Soccer Action" ratings and the judgement of the opposition coach. This voting format was arrived at by the State League management committee.

The best players from each club for last weekend's games were:

Northcote v Northcote: God Bingham (J), George Bosziks (N).

Hellas-Hakoah v Ajax: George Hannah (H-H), Peter Lewis (A).

George Cross v Doveton: Steve Lawson (GC), Jim Tron (D).

Croydon v Polonia: Graham Haupt (C), Leszek Dzielski (P).

Frankston v Croatia: Dave Gilbert (F), Keith Adams (C).

Morwell Falcons v Ringwood Wilhelmina: Richie McClunie (MF), Tony McDermott (RW).

Albion Rovers v Sunshine: Frank Munro (AR), Nick Lowe (S).

Joint leaders, on six votes each, are Keith Adams from Croatia, Paul Drinoczky from Frankston, Steve Lawson from George Cross, George Bosziks from Northcote, and Rob Nelson from Sunshine.

Ametco Travel also is sponsoring our State League Top Scorer award.

The leading sharpshooter for the 1982 league season wins a trip to Singapore flying Thal International.

Tied on three goals each are Croatia's striking duo, Oase Leif and Dave Brogan, Mick D'Sylva from Albion Rovers and Ted Krynski from Polonia.

Etham signs Heria, young Hilmen shine

Metro Third Division Etham pulled off a minor coup last week with the signing of experienced Joe Herman from Polonia.

Herman, 25, has played up front, in midfield and defence with Polonia since joining the Polish sponsored club as a junior.

PSL club Footscray J.U.S.T. showed a keen interest in signing Herman about five years ago when the Polonia youngster was playing as a striker and getting among the goals regularly.

Heidelberg Bundoora winger Steve Brett also has been signed by Etham coach Sandy Henderson, the former Hakoah keeper.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE

BOX HILL 3 (Valentine 2, Patterson) ALTONA GATE VARDAR 1 (Dimovskij).

BOX HILL: Haern, Gabrielson, Roodhouse, McLeod, Lawler, Ramos, Valentine, Tolmie, Priestly, Patterson, Verechcia.

ALTONA GATE VARDAR: Shripa, Dimovski, Darvisovski, Serouski, Naumoski, Presliski, Skovlec, Asceki, (Baric 35th), Ignatich, (Talevski 63rd), Micevski, Bosnovski.

Box Hill had little trouble in retaining its 100 percent record at Sparks Reserve on Saturday. When Mickey Valentine

hammered in the first goal in the 24th minute, the Altona Gate keeper Vince Schirripa had already been called upon to make three superb saves in order to keep his goal intact.

Fielding seven teenagers, the Hilmen always were in control against their more experienced opponents, and with the complementing talents of Paul Priestly and Scott Patterson at the front, giving Valentine that little bit of extra space they were causing Jones Serouski and Naumoski at the centre of Vardar's defence no end of trouble.

It came as no surprise therefore when Valentine threaded his way past two defenders to crash the ball into the corner of the net with a thundering left foot drive from 25 metres to open the scoring.

Spurred on by the set-back, Altona Gate redoubled its efforts, but ex-Australian international Mike Micevski was playing very much a lone hand at the front, and Greg McLeod and Donovan Lawler at the back of the Hilmen's defence, well supported by 15 year old John Gabrielson, playing in his first senior league match, and 16 year old Alan Roodhouse, were more than equal to the task.

With Ray Tolmie, Pedro Ramos and Peter Verechcia working like Trojans in midfield the home side retained the ascendancy, and just before half time Valentine added a second goal to the score sheet. Verechcia sent Patterson away up the left flank and the big red headed striker took the ball almost to the by-line before turning it inside for Valentine to give a repeat performance of his first goal but this time from only 10 metres.

Soon after the restart Altona Gate had a good chance to reduce the lead when a searching cross from the left by Con Sarris who had replaced Dany Asceki, was headed metres wide by Micevski from close range.

In the 57th minute Box Hill made the game safe when Peter Verechcia's headed clearance was picked up by Scott Patterson who raced past the static Altona Gate defence to score with a well placed left foot drive from 12 metres.

Once again the Hilmen appeared to be beset by a strange inertia in the last 10 minutes or so, and sloppy defensive work in the 88th minute allowed the visitors to snatch a consolation goal.

Cele Talevski was fouled unnecessarily on the edge of the area near the by line. Cele Presliski took the free kick and his pinpoint centre found the head of Steve Dimovski who nodded home from the edge of the goal area completely unchallenged.

NEW CITY 4 (Drougde, Williams, Petrov, Macleod) SLAVIA 0

NEW CITY: Lukic 8, Drougde 7, Macleod 7, McChuskey 8, Stewart 7, Petrov 9, Savage 9, McElhinney 9, Patterson (in) McCarty H.T. 71, Lynn 7, Williams 7.

SLAVIA: Maric 7, Godol 3, Houston 8, Orlik 8, Delancanovic 4, Lukic 5, Botcinovski 6, Petric 5, Souzsa 5, Macchue 6, Canales 8.

The outstanding display of midfielder Andy Savage and the brilliance of 16 year old George Petrov highlighted this win.

Petrov also played in mid-

field where Kew dominated. Pat McElhinney was the other member of Hugh Murney's midfield trio to stamp an important mark on the outcome.

Young Petrov though stood out because of his age. He has tremendous close ball skills, is very brave in the tackle for a player with such a slim build and is extremely mobile.

A superb opening goal set up the convincing victory. Mike Lynn layed off first time for overlapping full back Drougde to thunder a ferocious shot into the roof of the Slavia net from the edge of the area.

A Williams header and goals by Petrov and Frank Macleod capped a good afternoon for the green and whites.

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BEST PLAYERS: Moreland — Oates, Hamill, Tennant.

Hamill opened the scoring for Moreland with a low shot into the corner of Austria's goal.

Peter Constantinos added a second when his speed allowed him to outrun Austria's defence and slam the ball away.

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Just before half time Ian Tennant's good work was capped off by Avestas.

A long ball by McDonald sent Avestas through in the 55th minute and he scored to make it 5-1. The 16 year old drew out the Austria keeper then coolly stroked the ball past him.

DIVISION TWO

WERRIBEE 2 (Carlesso, Lord) DANDENONG CITY 2 (Wotherspoon, Cupido)

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Both sides played pressure football with Dandy's defence giving way. First with a headed goal by Carlesso.

Dandy replied with a well taken goal by Wotherspoon and another by Cupido.

Werribee pulled out a point from a penalty given in the 84th for a foul on Carlesso. Lord converted.

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KEYSBOROUGH 2 (Brown 2) ELTHAM 2 (Fearnley, Forrester)

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DIVISION FOUR

HOLLAND PARK 3 (Ithan, Kaprol 2) PORT UNITED 1 (Santos)

HOLLAND PARK: A. Kotan, T. Solak, T. Gunneri, S. Sir, A. Koca, E. Yelva, C. Ithan, M. Ithan, Y. Gornally, E. Kaprol, I. Oneroz.

BEST PLAYERS: Holland Park: A. Kotan, G. Ithan, E. Kaprol.

Holland Park went two goals up within 10 minutes and Port United never fully recovered.

In the first minute C. Ithan headed home from a corner and eight minutes later a blistering drive from 20 metres by Kaprol flashed into the back of Port's net.

Port answered in the 65th minute when Santos showed great close control to elude two opponents and neatly place his shot home.

A great solo run by C. Ithan ended when he was brought down inside the area in the 75th minute and Kaprol grabbed his second goal by converting the resultant penalty.

SELECTIONS

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE

Saturday: Altona Gate v Altona City (draw); Kew City v Moreland; Western Suburbs v Box Hill (draw).

Sunday: BELL PARK v Knox City; RICHMOND v Frankston; Kellor Austria v Frankston Pines (draw); DONCASTER ROVERS v Slavia.

DIVISION TWO

Saturday: Ardeer v DANDENONG CITY; SPRINGVALE City v Preston; Heidelberg v Heidelberg; FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v Heidelberg Bundoora; Waverley City v ST ALBANS DINAMO; RINGWOOD UTD. v Werribee.

DIVISION THREE

Saturday: THOMASTOWN v Eltham; PRANHAN City v Coburg; MORNINGTON v Port Melbourne; ROYAL RICHMOND v Corio; SUNBURY UTD. v North Dandenong; NUNAWADING City v Brighton; YALLOURN v Kaysborough.

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday: Monash Utd. v Chelsea (draw); SANDRINGHAM City v Hamlyn Rangers; NTH GEELONG v Moorabbin City; NTH AUCKLAND v Essendon; Traralgon v Sunbury; CAULFIELD; GEELONG v Roebuck; MOOROOLBARK v Greenborough.

PROFESSIONAL DIVISION ONE

Saturday: BALLARAT v Melton; KARINGA v Carlton; HAWKSBURN v East Brunswick; SHEPPARTON City v Clayton; HAWTHORN v Langwarrin; Nunawading Utd. v Lalor Utd. (draw); HYS YARR v ROSANNA.

DIVISION TWO

Saturday: Regent v YARRAVILLE; Bulleen v Clifton Hill (draw); Berwick City v Malvern City (draw); WEST MELBOURNE v Moorabbin City; CRANBOURNE v Central City; MORRILLONG v Kyneton.

DIVISION THREE

Saturday: Moorabbin v Mitcham (draw); Monbulk v CHELTENHAM; West Brunswick v NTH DANDENONG; West Geelong v UNI OF MELB; Brunswick City v Hampton Wanderers (draw); CLARINDA v Albion Utd; DALLAS City v Burnley.

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday: PACOE VALE v Vermont; SPRINGVALE UTD. v Nth Melbourne; Port Utd. v EAST CARLTON; Epsom Lasio v HOLLAH PARK; DOSSIEL RANGERS v Nth Sunshine; SEAFORD v Ascot Utd. (draw); Murrumbidgee v DINGLEY.

AMATEUR LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Sunday: Meiod v Balwyn City (draw); MELBOURN Utd. v Endeavour Hills; LYNDALDE UTD. v Chadstone; Hoss Utd. v PARKMORE; Latrobe Utd. v BUNDOORA; Meadow Park v Balclutha (draw); Postal Institute v Macabli Hakoah (draw).

DIVISION TWO

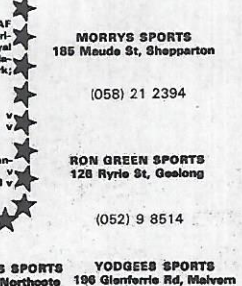
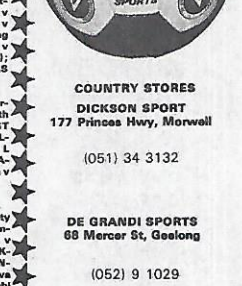
Sunday: Epping Thistle v RAAF MELBOURNE; Concordia v Waverley Utd (draw); MULGRAVE v Royal Melb. Institute; WEST UTD. v Diamond Creek; WESTALL v Mill Park; St Bernard v GEELONG UTD.

YOUTH LEAGUE SOUTH EAST

Sunday: Mooroolbark v CROYDON CITY; BOX HILL Springvale Utd (kick-off 10am).

NORTH WEST

Sunday: The Crosses v Dandenong City; Hellas-Hakoah v BRIGHTON; GREENSBOROUGH v Juventus.



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8-2 — and
then a
rude shock

IN FOCUS

By Peter
Scott

Hungarian manager Kalman Meszoly was not overwhelmed by the performance of his team on its recent tour of this country and New Zealand.

In fact, in one of his first statements upon returning to Budapest, he ominously announced that "we are in for some rude shocks if the team doesn't pull up its socks."

Hungarians being a special kind of human species, especially the soccer fans among them, Meszoly's warnings were quickly forgotten as the national squad took on leading Belgian outfit Antwerp and won 8-2.

Now, maybe I am conspiratorially minded, but how about considering the following hypothetical scenario:

• Hungary and Belgium are drawn in the same World Cup group in Spain.
• The Belgians are smart cookies from way back and decide to send one of their very best teams to Budapest for a fairly meaningless midweek trial match — minus some of their better known players.

• Hungary duly wins by a huge margin, including a pleasant sense of confidence which, allowing once again that we are talking about Hungarians, soon changes into over-confidence.

Sounds far fetched you say? How do I know so much about the Hungarian character?

Consider the next two facts:
• I am Hungarian by birth, and
• Hungary lost its very next game in Budapest, this time against an Austria which hasn't been too impressive in recent months and still managed to race to a 3-0 lead against the Magyars, before easing up and winning 3-2.

Perhaps Meszoly was right.
His luck might have been that the "rude shock" arrived early enough for some drastic corrections to be made.

What did Meszoly think of his team's opponents in the Antpodese?

He expressed major surprise at the unexpectedly high standard of play by his Australian opponents, was extremely pleased by the facilities they played and trained in and was concerned about his players' shortcomings in speed and man-to-man play against fit and determined opposition.

He was less flattering in his assessment of the Kiwis, whom he described as playing "typical English soccer," not meant in the complimentary sense.

Hear ye, brethren! Get ready for the Second Coming.

No, it's not the Messiah, although one may be excused for thinking so, judging by the accompanying hullabaloo.

It's the "Second Coming" of the Doc — or is it the third, fourth, fifth...

The Doc is none other, of course, than Tommy Docherty, who is about to descend on our shores once again, this time for a fortnight's training camp for juniors.

Fair enough — and good for us.

Less than fair is the speculation which immediately surrounded Doug Collins' position as Sydney Olympic's manager-coach.

The Doc's imminent arrival spawned stories on the possibility of his return to the Olympic fold in one guise or another.

In spite of strenuous denials by Olympic officials the stories persisted.

I suppose the best possible antidote was Doug leading his boys to famous victories over APFA and Marconi.

Tommy Docherty is one of soccer's best known characters and during his short sojourn with Olympic last season he managed to whip up more publicity for himself — and soccer incidentally — than any single other person I can think of in the past decade, with Rudi Gutendorf running a close second.

The whole talent as a coach-manager is undoubtedly going by some — and I emphasise some — of its achievements overseas.

However, I would question the many claims about his professionalism.

Not only did he pack up in mid-season and run out on Olympic for the sake of a chance to lead Third Division Preston North End in the English League, but he left a pretty bad taste in the mouths of some Aussie soccer folk back in the early sixties, as well.

On a visit to Sydney with Chelsea he spotted a couple of youngsters in minor fixtures here.

One of them was Colin Munn, a nice young man with some measure of football skills, but not in the Superstar class.

It was, therefore with some surprise that many of us suddenly saw Minor whiskered off to Britain with promises of a fabulous professional future ringing in his ears.

Within a very short space of time the youngster was unceremoniously returned to these shores as a failure.

The whole episode smacked of publicity-seeking, lack of professional appraisal and very little thought for the feelings of a teenager.

Since that time I have followed the Doc's chequered career, his "discoveries" and publicity campaigns with some measure of wary caution.

But, I must admit, soccer would be a much duller sport without him.

I noted with interest that Kevin Mullen was the only Sydney City Hawks player in the match against Footscray JUST not to have the logo of club sponsor Presto on his shirt.

Has he turned vegetarian?

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• Standing, from left: Steve Hozowski (from Auburn, 1979), Angelo Ambrosino (Aust. Sports Institute, 1982), Ian Gibson (ex-Aberdeen, joined 1981), John Moutsopoulos, Walter Valeri (Inter Monara, 1980), Mike Milovanovic (returned from Blacktown this year), Front: Don McLaren (Hearst, Scotland, 1979), Gary Byrne (Marconi, 1982), Tony Brennan (Brisbane Lions, 1980), Ian Stone (Sydney Croatia, 1982), Jim Murray (Aust. Sports Institute, 1982). Inset: from left: Paul Ontong (Brisbane Lions, 1982), Terry Byrne (Preston North End, 1979), George Christopoulos (Sth Melb. Hellas, 1982). Missing: Ian Purdie (ex-Aberdeen).

• Amalgamation this year with Downer Olympic, the A.C.T. Greek-sponsored club, has enabled Canberra coach George Murray to strengthen his squad with Gary Byrne from Marconi, George Christopoulos (Hellas, Paul Ontong (Brisbane Lions), Ian Stone (Croatia) and Mike Milovanovic, who returned after a year with Blacktown, after losing the three O'Shea brothers to St George. Canberra City was formed as a new club for the inaugural 1977 PSL season. It finished 13th in 1977 and 1978, 12th in 1979, 10th in 1980 and jumped to fifth in 1981. Murray is hoping for continued improvement in 1982.



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First Cup for Shiners



Sunshine City was presented last week with its first Victorian State League trophy, the Buffalo Cup. From left: committeemen Scott Frew and Bill McCulloch, Norrie Pate, Alan Condon, Steve Gaw, Harry Mills and Ray Pocock.

Power to the super kids!

Bravo Jason Nieuwenhof, for wowing them at the official launching of the McDonald's Super Skills scheme.

Jason, 10, of Hornsby Heights, juggled the ball non-stop throughout the demonstration, orchestrated by the Australian Director of Coaching, Eric Worthington, to illustrate the level of skill we're looking for from our juniors.

The Super Skills programme, I am sure, will have a positive effect on improving those skills.

Jason is one of an elite group of boys who serve as an example to all the others.

Remember Russell Robinson?

A few years ago Russell, a Queensland teenager, broke the world record by juggling the ball 32,820 times. He was still going strong, sucking oranges every now and then, when Roselands Shopping Centre, where he was staging his assault on the record, had to close its doors. He looked like he could have gone on for a few more hours yet.

One of the Blacktown "super kids" at our club's soccer academy, Rodney Jackson, has held the ball up 2418 times.

These boys deserve greater recognition. They should be utilised a lot more as examples of the skill level which can be achieved through application and dedication. Perhaps they should become a more integral part of the McDonald's scheme.

That makes me proud is that many such youngsters have passed through our Australian Soccer Camps at Dural. They are to be run again over the May school holidays and already they're booked out. Ian Hunter, who was captain of the Australian youth team last year, passed through our camps a few years ago.

This time Otis Abonyi's Riverwood club has booked in 40 of its juniors in under 13, 14, 15 and 16 age groups, as part of a drive to raise their standard of soccer.

Any camps or clinics of this type must benefit the boys, so long as the programme is aimed at raising the skill level.

And so the Blacktown super kids have been booked in at the Narrabeen Fitness Centre on April 24, 25 and 26, also with that purpose in mind.

With the PSL now in full swing, I've been feeling increasingly disappointed with the performance of South Melbourne Hellas, which promised so much at the start of the year.

The Grant Turner affair must have contributed to Hellas's comparatively ordinary run.

I was impressed by Turner in New Zealand's 2-0 World Cup victory over Australia, so I contacted one of the top soccer men in New Zealand about the possibility of signing him.

The answer was: "Don't touch him."

So I didn't. It surprised me therefore that Hellas went out and bought him. Obviously the club had not made a proper check on what it would get for its money.

Turner may be younger than Branko Bujevic, who subsequently had to spend much time on the bench, but Bujevic certainly would have contributed a great deal more than Turner.

Isn't it sad that we really don't show adequate respect to the real heroes of our sport?

It certainly was reassuring to see the 12,000-plus crowd at Olympic's game against APLA. The crowd was a tribute to the exciting soccer being produced by both teams.

There also was a good crowd at Olympic's Ampol Cup match against Croatia. But whereas Olympic beat APLA, it lost 0-1 to Fil Botolico's team although Croatia played



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without Mark Trenter, Phil Hensman, Marian Kovacic and his Brazilians.

Olympic undoubtedly is a highly talented team, but it has defensive weaknesses which Croatia exploited to create eight scoring chances.

Dubravko Ledic, welcome to Australia!

A player of his calibre can do nothing but glorify our soccer.

Ledic, 30, has played more than 600 matches for Yugoslav club Velez Mostar as a junior and senior. He captained Velez before joining Marconi last week.

Good to see Peter Ollerton doing so well as coach of Preston-Makedonia.

Ollerton had a reputation of being a somewhat undisciplined player, but now, when it counts, he's really knuckling down and getting the results. Accumulation of points is the yardstick of soccer success, and Makedonia has been picking up points consistently — showing its attacking flair at home and playing it tight away.

Makedonia has been the surprise packet of the PSL so far and Peter Ollerton is the man behind that success.

Moreland's silver jubilee

Victorian Metro First Division club Moreland is celebrating its silver jubilee year.

Former Glasgow Celtic and Scotland full-back Duncan McKay has taken over the reins and is backed by assistant coach Johnny Johnstone who was with Third Division Coburg last year.

Big things are expected from Moreland's promising crop of youngsters who have progressed through the junior ranks and now are preparing to make a major impact upon the senior scene.

No less than eight such youngsters figured in Moreland's 5-2 victory over Slavia a few weeks ago in the Metro League Cup with striker Sammy Asvestas scoring twice.

Kevin Nervous, a 16-year-old centre half, shows great potential and midfielder Gus



The Victorian western region team under-14 champion. Back row: C. Orfanidic, S. Mitic, J. Grimavo, R. Drogovic, I. Lopatic, R. Falzon, T. Narcisco, M. Saliba, S. D'Alonzi. Front row: J. Tapaolous, D. Smith, F. Spitori, J. Borg, J. Scamatoopoulos, A. Brkic, V. Mitrovic, Arnold Andrew (coach).

Paola already has become the target of talent scouts at State League club Juventus.

Experienced Alan Lee and Glen Doward were training with First Division rival Richmond during the close season but have returned to Moreland.

The club will be without the services of former Hakoah defender Nat Black who isn't due back from the UK for another month.

Young keeper Michael Twissdale has jumped at the chance to display his wares while experienced custodian Michael Debuljah remains in dispute with the club.

Some of Moreland's other youngsters who have come up through the club's junior set-up are striker Peter Constantinou, his brother Con, a defender, full back Ian Tennant, Mark McDonald and Steven Chestnut.

Plans for a new stadium are on the drawing board awaiting approval from Coburg council.

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Μία ακόμη ήττα δέχθηκε το Μάλβερν Σίτυ μέσα στο γήπεδο του γιά το πρωτάθλημα της Β' κατηγορίας του Προβίτζιοναλ.

Παρά το ότι έπαιξε μαχητικά και κατά διαστήματα καλή μπάλλα, τελικά έχασε από το Μπουλντν με 3-2.

Το Μάλβερν Σίτυ μ' τεχνικό δρογδό και πάλι τον Νίκο Νικολάου και παρά την απουσία 4 βασικών του στελεχών, προηγήθηκε στο σκόρ με τον Γεωργιάδη αλλά η φιλοξενούμενη ομάδα με την λήξη του ήμιχρόνου κατόφερε να περάσει μπροστά στο σκόρ με 2-1.

Στην επανάλυση απεβλήθει ο Γεωργιάδης και το Μάλβερν έμεινε με 10 παίκτες γιά να δεχθεί λίγο μετά και τρίτο τέρμα.

Το τελικό σκόρ έφτιαξε ο Σκαμάγκας 2-3. 'Η σύνθεση: Μανέν, Παπαδόπουλος, Βλάχος, Λιαράκος, Τσάμος, Ρομπόρος, Σαματζής, Λιδάιρος, Γεωργιάδης, Λιχοδής, Πετρόπουλος και Σκαμάγκας 6 όποιος στο 75' πήρε την θέση του Ρομπόρου.

'Η Β' ομάδα του Μάλβερν έχασε με 3-1 από την αντίστοιχη του Μπουλντν.

ΠΑΝΣΕΡΡΑΙΚΟΣ: ΨΑΡΕΣ ΠΟΛΙΣ ΚΑΡΤΣΙΕΣ ΚΑΙ ΤΕΡΕΡΑ ΓΚΟΛ

Ο Πανσερραϊκός δεν άντεξε στις κλωτσιές και στο αντιαθλητικό παιχνίδι των αντιπάλων του και τελικά υπέκυψε εντός έδρας από το Ντόλλας Σίτυ με το βαρό 4-0.

'Ο αγώνας ήταν γιά το πρωτάθλημα της Γ' κατηγορίας του Προβίτζιοναλ και όπως ούποτε έλέγχεται ο διακτητής ο όποιος έά έπρεπε κανονικά να στείλει τους μισούς από τους αντιπάλους στο στίβια τους και όχι μόνον δύο πού απέβαλε.

Τό ότι έδειξε άλλες 6 κίτρινες κάρτες στους γηπεδοφύλους, κρίνεται καθαρά ότι οι αντίπαλοι κυνηγούσαν τά πόδια των έλλήνων παικτών και όχι την μπάλλα. Στο 10' τραυματίστηκε ο Τοτσίδης και αντικαταστάθηκε από τον 'Ασημάκη.

'Επίσης στο 75' κτύπησε και ο Μηνάς και βγήκε εντός μάχης.

Τραυματισμένοι αγωνιζόντουσαν και οι Μαβρί, 'Ασημάκης, Μαρτσόγλου.

'Αν και το σκόρ είναι βαρό δεν ανταποκρίνεται στην πραγματικότητα.

'Επαιξαν οι : Π. Κεχαγιάς, Β. Βαθάς, Κωνσταντίνος, Μητρούσης, Γ. Βαθάς, Θ. Κεχαγιάς, Τσετσίνης, Παρτσόγλου, Μηνάς, (75' Τσιωράκος), Δημητράκης, Τοτσίδης (10' 'Ασημάκης).

ΑΤΚΗΝΗ Η ΓΟΡΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ Ν.ΕΛΛΑΔΕ

Μία ακόμη ήττα έκανε η Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ μέσα στο γήπεδο της αυτή τη φορά και άρχισε να κατρακυλάει επικίνδυνα στις τελευταίες θέσεις του βαθμολογικού πίνακα του πρωταθλήματος της Γ' κατηγορίας του Μετροπόλιταν Λίγκ.

'Αν και οι νεαροί παίκτες της, έδειξαν αρκετές άρετες στην συνάντηση του Πόρτ Μέλμπορν με το Περάν Σίτυ, τελικά γεβώθηκαν την ήττα με 3-2.

Τό γενικώς γραμμές ή ομάδα ήταν καλή αλλά την μεσαία γραμμή και μετά και τό μόνο της πρώτο σημείο ήταν ή άμυνα ή όποι α γιά μία ακόμη εβδομάδα παρουσιάστηκε άσταθής και μέχρι τώρα εέ 4 αγώνες έχει δεχθεί 12 τέρματα πού σίγουρα δεν είναι καθόλου ευχάριστο.

'Από την ελληνική ομάδα ο καλύτερος παίκτης ήταν ο Κωστόπουλος και τόν ακολουθήσαν οι Πήτερσον και Λαζαρίδης.

Τό Μεράν Σίτυ άνοιξε τό σκόρ στο 2' αλλά ο πεπειραμένος Λαζαρίδης στο 44' μέ δυνατό σούτ έξω από την μεγάλη περιοχή έφτιλε τό 1-1.

Στό Β' μέρος και στο 50' ή ομάδα του Πόρτ Μέλμπορν προηγήθηκε στο σκόρ και πήρε την υπεροχή αλλά από λάθος του γκολκίπερ Πασάκου τό Περάν ίσοφρίσε στο 55' και στο 74' πέτυχε τό γκόλ πού τόό χάρισε και την νίκη.

'Η Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ μπορεί να χαρακτηριστεί και σαν άτυχη στην συνάντηση αυτή αφού τρία σούτ των Σταυρίδη, Λαζαρίδη και Γκέσιου βρήκαν τά δοκάρια των αντιπάλων.

'Επαιξαν οι : Πασάκος, Χατζηπαναγιώτου, Παγάνης, Δούνας, Κοτζαμυχάλης, Κωστόπουλος Πήτερσον, Τσολλάκης (46' Σακελλάρης) Σταυρίδης, Γκέσιος και Λαζαρίδης.

ΜΕ ΠΟΛΛΟΥΣ ΠΑΙΚΤΕΣ ΑΠΟΝΤΕΣ Η ΔΟΞΑ Ι - Ο ΤΟ ΚΑΥΝΕΤΟΝ

Νέα νίκη πήρε ή Δόξα Γιάφραβιλ γιά τό πρωτάθλημα της Β' κατηγορίας του Προβίτζιοναλ Λίγκ και συνεχίζει να είναι πρωτοπόρος στον βαθμολογικό πίνακα. Θύμα της αυτή τη φορά τό Κάυνετον πού μέσα στο ανάταλληλο γήπεδό του υποδέχθηκε την ελληνική ομάδα άρκετά σκληρά και άνταθλητικά.

'Αποτέλεσμα ήταν να άναγκασθεί ο διακτητής να άποβάλλει στο 70' έναν παίκτη από την γηπεδοφύ και να δείξει άρκετές κίτρινες κάρτες.

'Η ελληνική ομάδα μας του Γιάφραβιλ χωρίς τους βασικούς της παίκτες Νίκο Μελέτη, Βαγγέλη Τερζάκη και 'Αθα Ψαμπίζη, ξεκίνησε δυνατά και έκλεισε στην περιοχή τους τους αντιπάλους πού έδωχαν άπως - άπως την μπάλλα από την έστια τους γιά να κρατήσουν τό ίσόπαλο άποτέλεσμα.

Παρά τό καταστροφικό παιχνίδι των παικτών του Κάυνετον, ή Δόξα βόρεθηκε πολλές φορές κοντά στο γκόλ και κεραιά του 26' στο 27' μόλις πρόλαβε ο γκολκίπερ.

'Επίσης σούτ των Πετρίδη, Νικολαΐδη και Χύτα είχαν την ίδια τύχη.

Τό μοναδικό τέρμα της κυανολεύκου πέτυχε ο Α. Νικολαΐδης στο 43' μέ τρομερή βολίδα από 40 μέτρα πού έστειλε την μπάλλα να βρεί πρώτα την οριζόντια δοκό και μετά τά δίκτυα του Κάυνετον.

Στό Β' μέρος παρά τις προσπάθειες τώ παικτών του Γιάφραβιλ γιά δεύτερο τέρμα τό σκόρ δεν άλλαξε.

Μέ την Δόξα έπαιξαν οι : Νίκος 'Αποστολίδης (Κάπταιν) Τ. 'Αμανατίδης, Ντέν. 'Αποστολίδης, Δημητρίου, Στ. 'Αμανατίδης, Καλλιπολίτης, Πετρίδης, Νικολαΐδης, Μαρκάκης (65' Χρ. Παπαχριστοδούλου), Χύτας, Τ. Παπαχριστοδούλου.

'Οπωσδήποτε θα πρέπει κάποιος υπεύθυνος από την Βικτωριανή 'Ομοσπονδία να κάνει τον κόπο και να πάει να έλέγξει τό γήπεδο του Κάυνετον.

'Όταν βάζουν στις διάφορες κατηγορίες ομάδες από μακρυά χωριά, είναι και υποχρεωμένοι να τους ξεγνούν τά κατ'άλλα μέτρα του αγωνιστικού χάρου και πώς τό γήπεδο θα πρέπει να έχει δοκάρια και όχι κάτι τέρματα πού θυμίζουν περισσότερο έστια χόκεϊ παρά έστια γιά ποδοσφαίρο άγώνα.

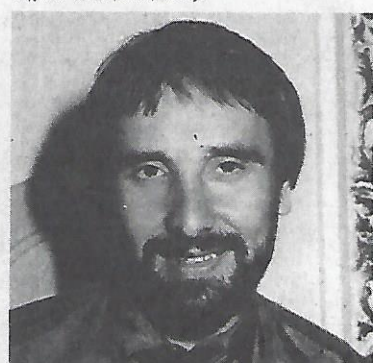
ΗΤΤΑ ΤΟΥ ΜΟΡΝΤΙΑΛΛΟΚ

'Αν και υπερείχε τό Μορντιάλλοκ μέ την Μπουντόρα εντός έδρας, τελικά έχασε με 2-0 από δύο βασικά σφάλματα της άμυνας της.

Εξαρίσαν οι Πάπας, 'Αναστασιάδης, Λαζόγκας και Δρογύγκας.

ΚΛΑΡΠΙΝΤΑ: ΚΑΛΗ ΑΠΟΔΟΣΗ ΚΑΙ ΗΤΤΑ

'Η Κλαρίντα πού γήπεδό της έπαιξε καλό ποδόσφαιρο, έχασε πέναλτυ (Τοπαλίδης) είχε υπεροχή αλλά τελικά έχασε από τό 'Αμ ποτσφορντ με 2-1. Τό μοναδικό τέρμα πέτυχε ο Χ. Χαράλαμπος.



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